

24th June 2009

Shadow Secretary of State (DCMS), to visit RAF Museum Cosford

**26th June 2009
4.30 – 5.30pm**

Mr Jeremy Hunt MP, the Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media, and Sports (DCMS), will make an official visit to the RAF Museum Cosford on Friday 26th June 2009. He will be hosted by Mr Mark Pritchard, local MP for The Wrekin, during his visit.

Mr Hunt is visiting Shropshire to examine a range of culture and tourism prospects for Shropshire; and will experience at first hand, the RAF Museums award winning, National Cold War Exhibition. The £12.5m exhibition opened in February 2007 and is housed in a landmark building. To date, over 700,000 people have visited the Exhibition which is home to Britain's V-Bombers: the Vulcan, Victor and Valiant.

Mr Pritchard said:

"Tourism forms a vital part in Shropshire's economy. Museums, such as the RAF Museum, are an integral part of the County's tourism and culture offer. This high profile visit will help keep the County at the forefront of senior politicians' minds".

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Notes to Editors:

- The RAF Museum Cosford has a display of 70 aircraft and is the West Midlands only National Museum.
- Open daily 10am – 6pm (last admission 5pm)
- Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Karen Crick on 01902 376 208 or karen.crick@rafmuseum.org
- Photos opportunities available, please book in advance