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Dear Neville,

I am writing on behalf of the five UK groups who wish to become involved in the linear collider electromagnetic calorimeter studies as part of the CALICE collaboration. We wish to inform you about our latest plans following the PPRP meeting of 1 July, where the panel made significant comments concerning the low levels of effort from the academic staff involved in the proposal, particularly in the area of the simulation studies.

We are discussing within the groups involved about how we can meet these concerns. We want to be sure that we have secured a substantial amount of extra effort before we return to the PPRP for further consideration. As this will involve a significant realignment of effort, we would like to take some time to consider this. There are also some impending personnel changes over the next few months, as well as the outcome of the rolling grant round, which will have some influence on our deliberations. Therefore, we would ask to be reconsidered by the PPRP at the meeting on December 2, rather than in September.

We have been working, and will continue to work, on the project until this time. Significant progress has already been made both in the electronics and simulation areas and we will report on the status of these in our next PPRP submission. The simulation effort only requires a small amount of travel funds at present and so will not be influenced by this choice of dates. For the electronics, we are currently working on the board designs and we do not require equipment funds for prototypes or RAL engineering effort for layout and fabrication before January next year. However, the December PPRP meeting is clearly the last meeting before this time. This means any further delay in being (we hope) approved would then impact very significantly on the schedule for the project. We therefore ask that we be included in the agenda for the December PPRP meeting and that, if at all possible, the PPRP should make a definitive decision at the same meeting. Please let me know whether you see any problems with this and what we can do to help expedite it.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Dauncey,
on behalf of the CALICE-UK groups