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Tuesday, 14 March 2023

By email: LutonAirport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Proposed Luton Airport Expansion: Adequacy of consultation request.

Thank you for the correspondence dated 28 February 2023 in relation to the above, the content of which is noted. The following correspondence sets out a chronology of pre-application consultation undertaken between the applicant and the London Borough of Harrow (LBH) in relation to the consultation that was undertaken with it by the applicant for the above proposal.

London Luton Airport Limited (Care of GL Hearn) initially contacted the London Borough of Harrow in relation to the above on the 28th February 2019, which identified LBH as being a stakeholder for the development at Luton Airport. The letter of the 28 February 2019 specifically in relation to non-statutory consultation, it sought feedback from LBH in relation to its preferences for engagement with London Luton on the potential expansion at the airport. Following this, LBH also provided feedback in relation to the London Luton Airport Limited Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SocCC) (2019). Specifically, LBH noted that it was appropriate in the context of the proximity of the proposed development to the LBH administrative boundary. Furthermore, LBH welcomed ongoing engagement with the Development Consent Order (DCO) process.

London Borough of Harrow received correspondence from London Luton Airport Ltd on the 14th October 2019 which sought to undertake statutory pre-application consultation, citing this as being required under Section 42, Planning Act (2008). As part of this pre-application consultation, the following documentation was provided;

- A list of the consultation documents, including a Guide to Statutory Consultation
- How access to the full suite of consultation can be undertaken, and how to view electronic and hard copy formats.
- A list of the consultation events that are being held, including the date and timings; and
- Information about how a response to the consultation can be undertaken, including via a Feedback form
- It was confirmed that proposal was published in the Harrow Times on 10th October 2019 and 17th October 2019.

The consultation letter set out when the consultation period opened and also a closing date for consultation responses, which was 11.59pm on Monday 16th December 2019.

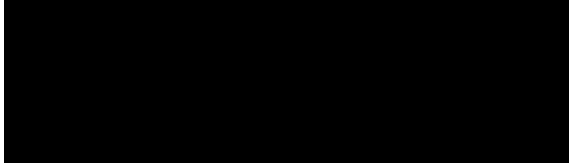
The London Borough of Harrow provided a formal response (dated 16 December 2019) to this pre-consultation letter, and specifically in relation to consultation matters, noted that the Council welcomes ongoing engagement with London Luton DCO process through the formal statutory consultation means.

LBH were consulted again on the 4th March 2022 in relation to updated versions of draft compensation policies and measures & draft need case. LBH on reviewing the information concluded that there was not a formal consultation response was not required.

LBH consider that in the context of the relevant legislation noted within the PINS letter dated 28 February 2023, and considered the proximity of the proposed development to LBH, that the applicant has satisfactorily consulted LBH. The consultation undertaken enabled LBH to provide any formal responses that it felt appropriate in the context of safeguarding the amenity of its residents. We have however not sought to form a view with respect to the overall legal compliance of the Luton Airport consultation against the requirements of the Acts identified in your letter.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Viv Evans (Chief Planning Officer) at [REDACTED] [@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@harrow.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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