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Dear Sirs,

***TR020001 Expansion of London Luton Airport***

I refer to the application quoted above and to the correspondence received by surface mail dated 9<sup>th</sup> May.

As indicated during the Scoping stage, the proposed development has the potential to affect NATS En Route's infrastructure located at Luton Airport and its provision of en-route air traffic services in the London area.

While NATS is in principle supportive of the scheme, it has concerns around the impact of the proposed airfield works on its own infrastructure, as well as the impact of increased air traffic movements on the airspace system and its own air traffic service provision in the London Terminal Manoeuvring area (LTMA).

Furthermore, NATS has generic concerns in respect of various aspects of the application, which currently remain undefined. These include control tower lines of sight, airfield movements, air traffic control procedures, resourcing and the future tools required to support this growth.

Notwithstanding its concerns, NATS is engaged with the Applicant and its agents on numerous fronts. It is NATS's view, that there is a mutual understanding that the high level proposal requires significant detail before a formal impact assessment can be undertaken, and a formal position taken. The high level details of the proposed development are currently insufficient for NATS to make a formal representation supporting, or raising concerns on specific elements.

To this effect, NATS and the Applicant's agent are in advanced discussions and collaborating on a "Statement of Common Ground" (SoCG) so that the areas of agreement, and those requiring further work can be identified and communicated to the Inspectorate. NATS expects the SOCG to be finalised in the near future. As soon as this has formally been approved by both parties, it will be submitted to the Inspectorate.

In the interim, NATS is happy to reiterate its willingness to work with all stakeholders in order to understand the impact and identify any solutions that may be required in order to help deliver the proposal.

I trust NATS's position is clear and acceptable to the Inspectorate, however should there be any further requests or queries, do not hesitate to revert back to us.

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Mr Sacha Rossi.

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For and on behalf of NATS En-Route plc



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Date: 9 May 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **PROPOSED LONDON LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION**

### **NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT**

I am writing to you from London Luton Airport Limited (trading as Luton Rising) regarding our proposals to expand London Luton Airport. The proposals include a new terminal and supporting facilities and infrastructure on land to the north east of the existing runway. Alongside adjustments to the existing terminal, this would allow passenger throughput to be increased over time in line with demand, increasing capacity from the currently permitted cap of 18 million passengers per annum (“mppa”) up to 32 mppa (“the Proposed Development”).

Our proposal is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”). This means that a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) is required to authorise our proposals. We submitted our application for development consent (“the Application”) to the Planning Inspectorate on 27 February 2023. The Application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 27 March 2023. The Planning Inspectorate will now examine the Application on behalf of the Secretary of State, who will then take the decision on whether the proposals are approved.

#### **Why we are writing to you**

Luton Rising is now required to notify you of the acceptance of the Application in compliance with the requirements of:

- Section 56 of the Act;
- Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009; and
- Regulation 16(2)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.



Accordingly, enclosed with this letter is a copy of the required section 56 notice which includes a summary of the Proposed Development, confirmation that the Proposed Development is Environmental Impact Assessment development (EIA development), an explanation of where and how copies of the Application documents can be obtained, and details about how to submit "Relevant Representations" about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Please note that, in response to advice issued on 27 March 2023 by the Planning Inspectorate to us under section 51 of the Act, we have provided the Planning Inspectorate with updated versions of certain Application documents. These versions supersede the corresponding documents contained in the original Application. We supplied the updated documents with a covering letter which lists the documents that have been updated and explains the nature of the updates. The section 56 notice explains where and how that covering letter and the updated documents can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

Enclosed with this letter is a USB memory stick containing a copy of the Application (as updated), including the Environmental Statement and map showing the location of the Proposed Development.

### **Next steps**

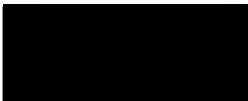
The period for submitting Relevant Representations begins on Tuesday 9 May 2023 and will end on Friday 23 June 2023. **Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 23:59 on Friday 23 June 2023.**

Further information about the Act and DCOs can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

You can also sign up for email updates on the Planning Inspectorate webpage: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/london-luton-airport-expansion/>

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us by email or by leaving a voicemail.

Yours faithfully



Antony Aldridge  
Head of DCO Programme, Luton Rising

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**Leave us a voicemail:** 0800 538 5203

**Enc:** section 56 notice;  
USB memory stick containing the application documents



## **SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008**

### **REGULATION 8, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009 (AS AMENDED)**

### **REGULATION 16, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)**

#### **NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

#### **PROPOSED LONDON LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

#### **PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR020001**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Secretary of State has accepted an application made by London Luton Airport Limited (“LLAL”), trading as Luton Rising, (Company Number 02020381) of Hart House Business Centre, Kimpton Road, Luton, LU2 0LA (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”). The Application was submitted by the Applicant on 27 February 2023 and accepted for examination on 27 March 2023. The Planning Inspectorate reference number is TR020001.

The Proposed Development will authorise the expansion of London Luton Airport (“the airport”) in south east Luton and will extend the current operational airport with the construction of a new passenger terminal and additional aircraft stands to the north east of the runway. This will take the overall passenger capacity from its current permitted cap of 18 million passengers per annum to 32 million passengers per annum. In addition to the above and to support the initial increase in demand, the existing infrastructure and supporting facilities will be improved in line with the phased growth in capacity of the airport.

The Applicant is now required —

- by section 56(6) of the Planning Act 2008 to make available to persons/bodies specified under that section a copy of the Application and the documents and information that accompanied it; and
- by Regulation 8(2)(e) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) to include a map showing the location of the Proposed Development; and
- under Regulation 16(2)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 to send a copy of the accepted Application, a map showing where the proposed development is to be sited, and a copy of the environmental statement, to all of those bodies who qualify as a “consultation body” under Regulation 3(1) of those Regulations.

A copy of the location map required to be included with this Notice, and a copy of all the other Application documents, are contained on the enclosed USB memory stick.



## **Summary of the Proposed Development**

Key elements of the Proposed Development include —

- (a) extension and remodelling of the existing passenger terminal (Terminal 1) to increase its capacity;
- (b) new passenger terminal building and boarding piers (Terminal 2);
- (c) earthworks to create an extension to the current airfield platform; the vast majority of material for these earthworks would be generated on site;
- (d) airside facilities including new taxiways and aprons, together with relocated engine run-up bay and fire training facility;
- (e) landside facilities, including buildings which support the operational, energy and servicing needs of the airport;
- (f) enhancement of the existing surface access network, including a new dual carriageway road accessed via a new junction on the existing New Airport Way (A1081) to the new passenger terminal along with the provision of forecourt and car parking facilities;
- (g) extension of the Luton Direct Air-Rail Transit (Luton DART) with a station serving the new passenger terminal;
- (h) landscape and ecological improvements, including the replacement of existing open space; and
- (i) further infrastructure enhancements and initiatives to support the target of achieving zero emission ground operations by 2040, with interventions to support carbon neutrality being delivered sooner including facilities for greater public transport usage, improved thermal efficiency, electric vehicle charging, on-site energy generation and storage, new aviation fuel pipeline connection and storage facilities, and sustainable surface and foul water management installations.

The Proposed Development will also seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in land, the temporary use of land, and the overriding of easements and other rights for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Authorised Development.

The Proposed Development is a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). This is because the Proposed Development consists of airport-related development (section 14(1)(i) of the Act), specifically the alteration of, and an increase in the permitted use of, an airport in England in excess of the relevant thresholds (section 23(1)(b), (c) and (4)-(8) of the Act).

A map showing the location of the Proposed Development can also be viewed online on the London Luton Airport Expansion page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at the web address set out in the notice below.

## **Environmental Impact Assessment**

The Proposed Development is Environmental Impact Assessment development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) and, accordingly, an Environmental Statement accompanies the Application.





### **Application Form and accompanying documents**

The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement and draft DCO, are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, under the "Documents" tab on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website, being a website maintained by or on behalf of the Secretary of State:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/london-luton-airport-expansion/>

These documents will be available to view online at least until the end of the Relevant Representation period at **23:59 on Friday 23 June 2023**.

Please note that, in response to advice issued on 27 March 2023 by the Planning Inspectorate to the Applicant under section 51 of the Act, the Applicant has provided the Planning Inspectorate with updated versions of certain Application documents. These versions supersede the corresponding documents contained in the original Application. The Applicant supplied the updated documents under cover of a letter which lists the specific documents that have been updated and explains the nature of the updates. You can view the original and updated Application documents, and the above-mentioned covering letter, under the "Documents" tab of the Planning Inspectorate's project page.

Enclosed with the notice is a USB memory stick containing an electronic copy of the Application documents (as updated). On request, other persons can be supplied free of charge with a USB memory stick containing an electronic copy of the updated Application documents, which will be limited to one USB per household or business. Contact details to request the USB can be found at the end of this notice. You can also contact the Applicant using these contact details if you have any enquiries in relation to the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps.

The Application documents can also be viewed electronically at the venues listed below. For a full list of internet-enabled libraries in your area please contact your local authority.

<b>Document inspection venue</b>	<b>Opening hours* (Correct at the time of publication)</b>
<b>Dunstable Library*</b> The Dunstable Centre, Court Drive, Dunstable LU5 4JD 0300 300 8056	Mondays: Closed; Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:00–18:00; Saturdays: 9:00–16:00; Sundays: Closed
<b>Harpenden Library*</b> 27 High Street, Harpenden AL5 2RU 0300 123 4049	Mondays: 9:00–18:00; Tuesdays & Fridays: 13:00–18:00; Thursdays: 9:00–19:00; Saturdays: 9:00–17:00; Wednesdays & Sundays: Closed
<b>Hertfordshire County Council Offices</b> County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8DQ 0300 123 4040	Mondays to Fridays: 8:30–17:30; Saturdays & Sundays: Closed
<b>Hitchin Library*</b> Paynes Park, Hitchin SG5 1EW 0300 123 4049	Mondays: 13:00–18:00; Tuesdays: 10:00–19:00; Thursdays & Fridays: 10:00–18:00; Saturdays: 10:00–17:00;



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<b>Leighton Buzzard Library*</b> Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1RX 0300 300 8059	Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:00–18:00; Saturdays: 9:00–16:00; Mondays & Sundays: Closed
<b>Luton Central Library*</b> St George’s Square, Luton LU1 2NG 01582 547 418	Mondays: 9:00–19:00; Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:00–18:00; Saturdays: 9:30–17:00; Sundays: 11:00–17:00
<b>North Hertfordshire District Council Offices</b> Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3JF 01462 474 000	The Customer Service Centre is open by appointment only: Mondays to Fridays: 09:00–17:00; Saturdays & Sundays: Closed
<b>Stevenage Central Library*</b> Southgate, Stevenage SG1 1HD 0300 123 4049	Mondays: 10:00–19:00; Tuesdays to Fridays: 10:00–18:00; Saturdays: 10:00–17:00; Sundays: 12:00–16:00
<b>Stopsley Library*</b> Hitchin Road, Luton LU2 7UG 01582 706 368	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 9:00–17:00; Wednesdays: 13:00–18:00; Saturdays: 9:30–13:00; Sundays: Closed
<b>Wendover Community Library*</b> High Street, Wendover HP22 6DU 01296 382 415	Tuesdays: 9:30–18:30; Thursdays & Fridays: 9:30–17:00; Saturdays: 9:30–16:00; Mondays, Wednesdays & Sundays: Closed

\* Please contact the venues in advance to arrange an appointment for computer access to view the documents electronically. The details of the opening hours above are correct at the time of this notice. Please note that Monday 29 May 2023 is a bank holiday. You are advised to call a venue in advance before attending to confirm internet availability, opening hours and any restrictions in place.

The complete set of Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £4,500. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable printing charge may apply. The Applicant will also consider any reasonable requests for bespoke or hard copy document formats and will accommodate such requests where it is feasible to do so and for which a reasonable charge may apply. In relation to any request, please contact the Applicant using the contact details set out at the end of this notice.

### **Making representations about the proposed DCO**

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (including giving notice of any interest in, comment on, objection to or support for the Application). All representations relating to the Application must be made on the Planning Inspectorate’s Registration and Relevant Representation Form and give the grounds on which it is made. The Planning Inspectorate has issued detailed advice on making and registering a relevant representation and becoming an Interested Party, to which you should have regard. This Advice Note (8.2 - How to Register to





Participate in an Examination) is published on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under 'Legislation and Advice' and can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

The Registration and Relevant Representation Form will be made available by the Planning Inspectorate once the registration/representation period has opened. The form can be found on the project page for the Application via the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/london-luton-airport-expansion/>

If you are unable to complete a registration form online and would like to register your interest, please call the Planning Inspectorate's helpline on **0303 444 5000**, quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number TR020001.

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the registration form by telephoning the Planning Inspectorate on **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number TR020001. Completed forms should then be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by post or email to:

Post: The Planning Inspectorate, Major Applications & Plans, 3D, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: [lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

The period during which you can submit a Relevant Representation to the Planning Inspectorate begins on **Tuesday 9 May 2023** and will end on **Friday 23 June 2023**.

**Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 23:59 on Friday 23 June 2023.**

All representations must include details of the maker's name, address and telephone number, along with an outline of the points intended to be made at the examination stage. Please ensure that you quote reference number TR020001 in all correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about the Application.

Please note that any submitted representations to the Planning Inspectorate will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application and will be subject to their privacy policy which can be viewed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices/customer-privacy-notice>

For further information about the Application, or to request copies of documents, the Applicant can be contacted by using the following details:

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Email: [futureluton@lutonrising.org.uk](mailto:futureluton@lutonrising.org.uk)

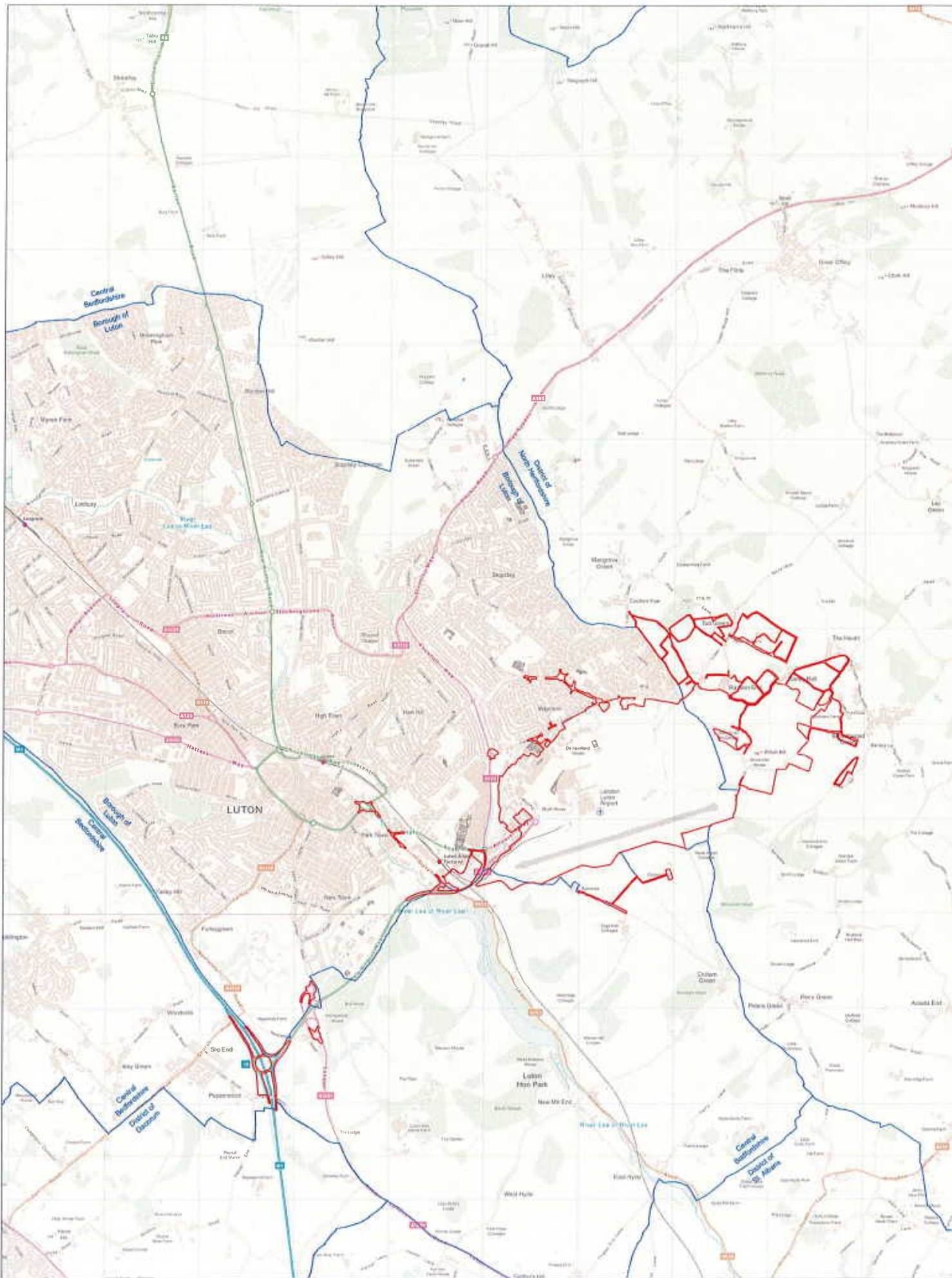


Telephone: Leave a voicemail message on 0800 538 5203

Any details you provide to the Applicant via telephone or email will be subject to its privacy policy and will be treated confidentially and processed and handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. The information may be disclosed to or shared with Applicant's connected companies, agents, contractors and advisors who provide services to the Applicant in connection with the Application.

**London Luton Airport Limited**

**9 May 2023**



Location Plan  
Scale 1:25,000 @ A1