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Subject: Re: Luton Airport - Procedural Deadline A

Dear Ms Evans,

Thank you for making time to speak with me today, and for this opportunity to clarify the purpose of the points I have raised via your website.

On reflection, I wish that just two of the questions I raised be included as principal issues to be addressed in **Initial Assessment of Principal Issues ([Annex C of the Rule 6 letter](#))**.

The argument for these two is as follows:

1. An assessment of the overall financial viability of the proposal is essential in this initial assessment since London Luton Airport Ltd does not have the capability to finance the investment involved or execute either the delivery of the infrastructure necessary nor the environmental mitigations identified within the plan. If a commercial third party is expected to tender for the operating licence of the airport and to execute delivery, overall financial viability is key. I did request this information at the roadshow I attended but was told that it is commercially sensitive since the retendering process does not commence until I believe 2027.
2. If the airport is to expand, a benefit will be the increased employment that is created directly and indirectly to service the airport. This is a benefit to the community and a cost to running the airport that can be quantified as part of the financial viability

above, however, people need places to live, the provision of GP services, schools and the services provided by the local councils. What provision is Luton Town Council making to meet this demand? Or is the expectation that neighbouring counties and councils will provide a significant contribution? Is this quantified and have the neighbouring authorities agreed to this?

The other points I raised I shall resubmit for Deadline 1 as part of my Written Representation, but broadly they can be summarised that I do not believe this proposal should be considered and given approval within the foreseeable future until matters relating to the government's overall plan for civil aviation in the South East, the levelling up agenda and flightpaths are concluded, and the tender process for the renewal of the London Luton operating licence have resulted in a commercial partner being appointed.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

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