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The Planning Inspectorate
(By email only)

Date 09 August 2023
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Dear Ms Dowling,

Application by London Luton Airport Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the London Luton Airport Expansion project.

Further to the Examining Authority's publishing of the Rule 6 letter on 13 July 2023, Central Bedfordshire Council would like to raise some points regarding the Preliminary Meeting.

Central Bedfordshire Council registered its attendance at the Preliminary Meeting through the Event Participation Form. However, the Project Officer can no longer attend due to a family bereavement. Unfortunately, no other Officer's are able to participate on the Project Officer's behalf due to existing work and summer holiday commitments. Therefore, I would like to highlight a number of points in respect to the Draft Examination Timetable.

Item 3 identifies a number of principle issues, however, there are only 3 days (27, 28, 29 September) for Issue Specific Hearings on environmental matters. Clarification on how the topics might be covered within this timeframe is welcomed.

As set out in CBCs Relevant Representation, there are certain topic areas where an Issue Specific Hearing is requested. For clarification, these are Surface Access, Noise and Green Controlled Growth. The RR requested that Cultural Heritage is dealt with through a hearing but on reflection this matter could be suitably addressed through written representations.

When the Rule 6 letter was originally received there was some concern that the Preliminary Meeting is scheduled in the middle of the school holidays. This sets tight timescales for the submission of the Council's Local Impact Report and Written Representation to be submitted on 22 August, during a time when many Officers are on leave. This remains a concern.

Annex G of the Rule 6 letter lists a number of electronic deposit locations, but it is noted that there are none within Central Bedfordshire. Please could the scope for a location in Central Bedfordshire be considered.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Macrdechian
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