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Dear Sir,

**TR020001: Luton Airport Expansion DCO
Procedural Deadline 2 Submission - Comments on any further information /
submissions received by Deadline 1**

The applicant has provided comments on the National Trust's relevant representation as part of their submissions to deadline 1 (Application Document Ref: TR020001/APP/8.31). These comments are welcomed, and we appreciate the attention that the applicant has given to our representations.

We note that the applicant makes reference to the most significant effects being of concern to Luton Rising, with their assessments concluding that National Trust sites do not experience significant effects. As set out within our Written Representations, informed by expert technical advice provided by Royal Haskoning, the assessments that the applicant has undertaken to establish the impact of these effects discount many of the National Trust sites that we have raised concerns around on the basis of their distance from the proposed development site. It is however evident that the proposals are likely to result in an increase in the number of overflights at Dunstable Downs, Ashridge Estate and Whipsnade Estate, leading to further degradation of tranquillity. At these locations, we understand that the number of overflights could be doubled from what is currently experienced. Whilst this may not meet the applicant's definition of "significant effects", we maintain that the proposals would be likely to have an adverse impact on the tranquillity of these sites, to the detriment of outdoor recreation users.

We would welcome further feedback from the applicant in terms of how the impact of the proposed development at these sites could be mitigated.

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