



The Planning Inspectorate

Planning Act 2008 – Section 91

Application by London Luton Airport Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the London Luton Airport Expansion

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 dealing with Need, Socio-Economic matters, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2: Need, Socio-Economic matters, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change	Wednesday 27 September 2023 Hearing starts at 09:30 ¹ Blended event Venue Registration from: 09:00 Virtual Registration from: 09:00 ²	Riverside Suite, Venue 360, Gipsy Lane, Luton, LU1 3JH By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Hearings Guidance:

Please see Annex A of this Agenda

Interested Parties who wish to speak at this event were required to provide notification by Deadline 1. If you haven't notified us that you wish to speak then you must contact the Case Team (LutonAirport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

Each Interested Party is entitled to make oral representations at hearings. However, this is subject to the power of the Examining Authority (ExA) to control the conduct and management of hearings.

The event will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered

¹ If you are joining as an active participant, please follow the joining instructions for the virtual event carefully and connect to the Hearing in good time. In common with traditional Hearings, the event will start on time irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

² Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate.

and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of these issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the Hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

Please Note:

In order to ensure timely publication of the agenda, this has largely been drafted before the receipt of submissions for Deadlines 2 and 2A. Consequently, the ExA may need to adjust the agenda at the meeting to allow for representations received at these deadlines.



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Agenda

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Date	Wednesday 27 September 2023
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Venue	Blended event
Attendees	Invitees

1 Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing

2 Need

- National policy and publications relating to aviation. The Applicant will firstly be asked to briefly summarise its position.
- Other publications relating to aviation growth, such as, but not limited to, the Climate Change Committee's report dated June 2023 - *Progress in reducing emissions, 2023 Report to Parliament* and the importance and the relevance of these in the examination of the Proposed Development.
- Forecasting assumptions set out in the Need Case [AS-125]. The applicant will firstly be asked to explain how the stated future demand forecasts have been arrived at, including the methodology adopted.
- The airport's ability to accommodate growth, including runway capacity and the slot coordination process.
- Existing capacity of airports in the south-east, how this is currently being met, and the need or otherwise for the Proposed Development in this context.
- The strategic economic case for the Proposed Development.

3 Socio-economic matters

- To consider whether the number of jobs predicted by the Applicant would be delivered, and where and when these would be provided.
- To consider further the type of jobs that would be delivered and whether this would achieve the stated aspirations regarding levelling up.
- To review the proposals for Community First including but not limited to the purpose of the fund; how it would be secured and how the proposed fund would be apportioned.

4 Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change

- The Applicant will firstly be asked to briefly summarise its position.
- The ExA will then ask questions on the following topics:

- Baseline data
- Application of carbon trading and offsetting schemes
- Airport operations in 2040/2050
- GHG (Greenhouse Gas) Action Plan
- Green Controlled Growth
- Assessment of significance of effects

5 Action Points arising from the Hearing

6 Any other business

7 Close of Hearing

Attendees:

All Interested Parties are welcome to attend the hearing. However, the ExA considers that representatives for the following parties should consider attending because the ExA believes that the material that they have submitted raises issues that may need to be explored at the hearing:

- The Applicant;
- Luton Borough Council in their role as the Local Planning Authority;
- Other host local authorities (Hertfordshire County Council, Dacorum Council, North Hertfordshire Council and Central Bedfordshire);
- Transport for London;
- Buckinghamshire Council;
- New Economics Foundation;
- The Harpenden Society;
- Friends of the Earth; and
- LADACAN.

Conduct and Management of Hearings

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence at hearings through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at this Hearing will therefore be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of the person giving evidence by another person will **only** be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that a person has had a fair chance to put their case. Parties wishing to make a representation will be invited to do so at the ExA's discretion.

The ExA will begin the Hearing with opening comments and introductions, then will run through housekeeping matters and explain how the Hearing will be conducted. The ExA's expectation is that each hearing session will typically last for two to three hours. However, the actual duration will depend on the progress made on the day and will be subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the Hearing.

The agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of the Hearing or throughout its course. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise matters arising from oral submissions, Relevant Representations and Written Representations, and pursue lines of inquiry that are not listed on the agenda in the course of the discussion.

The Hearing is being held at the discretion of the ExA to consider matters that it considers to be important and relevant to the effective and robust examination of the application. Consequently, the business of the Hearing will be limited to the matters identified in the agenda or otherwise raised by the ExA.

Active participation is at the invitation and discretion of the ExA. Oral submissions must address the matters and questions identified on the Hearing agenda or raised by the ExA at the hearing. Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who have not been invited to speak by the ExA may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA, who may decide that such matters are not heard in the interests of relevance, efficiency or fairness.

A recording and transcript of the Hearing will be published by the Planning Inspectorate on the project page of the national infrastructure website³ and any Interested Party may make a written submission on the specific matters either included in the agenda or arising at the Hearing by **Deadline 3, 5 October 2023**.

³ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/london-luton-airport-expansion/?ipcsection=overview>