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Dear Sir,

**TR020001: Luton Airport Expansion DCO  
Procedural Deadline 3 Submission – Post Hearing Submissions**

Following the Issue Specific Hearings that were held between 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September, the National Trust would like to express their support for the following action points:

**ISH3 - Noise and Vibration**

- Applicant to provide information regarding airline orders and annual reports to demonstrate certainty in relation to the assumptions on fleet replacement/modernisation.
- Applicant to provide more detailed information to demonstrate what facilities were considered in relation to non-residential receptors, how the screening criteria was applied and the information used to inform conclusions of significance?

**ISH6 – LVIA, etc**

- Applicant to liaise with Chilterns Conservation Board and councils on content of further assessment being undertaken on the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- Applicant to confirm how achievable it is for the proposed increase in flights to avoid the AONB.

We note that the Applicant has provided a response to the written representations submitted by the National Trust within Application Document Ref: TR020001/APP/8.39, which seeks to discount many of our concerns on the basis of “significance”. Our thoughts on the definition of significance in the context of the impact of the proposed development on National Trust sites (Ashridge Estate, Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Heath) were set out in my most recent letter, dated 11<sup>th</sup> September. Based on the discussions that I observed in the

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abovementioned Hearings, we are encouraged that others have expressed similar concerns to the point that they warranted discussion in the Hearings and follow up action points to be addressed by the Applicant.

The National Trust would welcome the opportunity to review and comment on the additional information requested from the Applicant, in the context of the representations that we have made to the Examination previously.

Yours sincerely



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