

# Development Management

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The Planning Inspectorate  
By email only

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Dear Ms Dowling

**Location:** London Luton Airport, Airport Way, Luton  
**Proposal:** Application by London Luton Airport Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the London Luton Airport Expansion project – Deadline 3 Response  
**Central Bedfordshire Council Ref. No.** 20040580

I write in response to the Rule 8 letter dated 17 August 2023, which, amongst other matters, sets out information which is required to be submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) by Deadline 3. Due regard has also been given to the Rule 17 letter from the ExA dated 3 October 2023.

The Council's submission for Deadline 3 comprises the following:

- Post Hearing Submission for Issue Specific Hearing 6
- CBCs response to the Applicant's Deadline 2A Response to the Council's Local Impact Report (LIR) (document ref. REP2A-005)
- Update to Central Bedfordshire Council's Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADSS)

### Post Hearing Submissions

Post Hearing submissions for ISH1, ISH2, ISH3 and ISH4 have been prepared on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council by Pinsent Masons with input from relevant experts who attended the hearing sessions. The post hearing submissions are being submitted for the Host Authorities by Pinsent Masons, with the exception of ISH4, which is being submitted on behalf of the Hertfordshire Host Authorities and CBC by Hertfordshire County Council.

### Written Representation

No response has been provided to the Applicant's Deadline 2 Response to Written Representations (ref. REP2-035) as the issues are captured in the Applicant's Response to the Council's LIR (ref. REP2A-005).

### Statement of Common Ground

The Applicant provided Central Bedfordshire Council with an opportunity to comment on an updated draft document, but CBC Officers have not had an opportunity to fully assess the information. This is reflected in the Rule 17 letter. CBC welcome continued engagement offered by the Applicant to progress the SoCG.

### Comments on the revised draft DCO

An amended draft DCO was submitted at Deadline 2, but no comment is provided at this stage. It is noted that there are numerous action points arising from the Issue Specific Hearings in relation to additional amendments to the draft DCO, therefore further comment will be provided when a revised

draft is submitted by the Applicant.

### **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1**

CBC did not attend CAH1 but have reviewed the list of action points for the Applicant and where appropriate will provide representations on the responses. It should be noted that CBC would be seeking Protective Provisions in respect to highways, a matter raised by George Wilson on behalf of the Hertfordshire Authorities, something which CBC also support.

The Applicant has recently engaged with CBC to discuss acquisitions, as per the Book of Reference (ref. APP-011)) and these discussions are at an early stage. CBC therefore reserve its position on this and may provide further comment as these discussions progress.

### **Issue Specific Hearing 5 (Air Quality)**

Central Bedfordshire Council did not attend ISH5 on Air Quality but did listen to the hearing session. The list of action points arising from the hearing have been reviewed and the Council will assess the additional information required for submission by the Applicant once this is available. There are a couple of action points for Host Authorities, and these will be responded to at Deadline 4.

I hope the above is of assistance but please contact me should there be any points of clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Planning Officer