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**8.22 STATEMENT OF COMMONALITY FOR STATEMENTS OF  
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

1.1.1 London Luton Airport Limited, trading as Luton Rising (“the Applicant”), has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport for development consent under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”).

1.1.2 The application is for an order granting development consent, known as a Development Consent Order (“DCO”). The draft DCO is referred to as the London Luton Airport (Expansion) Development Consent Order. The DCO, if granted, would authorise an increase of the permitted capacity of London Luton Airport (“the airport”) to 32 million passengers per annum (mppa) (“the Proposed Development”).

## 1.2 Purpose of this document

1.2.1 Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) have been prepared by the Applicant and other parties in line with the Rule 6 letter from the Examining Authority (ExA). The SoCGs provide a record of discussions to date with a number of key Interested Parties and a summary of the matters that are either agreed, subject to ongoing discussion, or not agreed. Drafts of the SoCGs have been shared with the relevant Interested Parties and their comments addressed. The Applicant will continue to work with the Interested Parties and review any matters that are still subject to further discussion as the Examination progresses. Prior to the end of Examination, the Applicant intends to submit a final version of each SoCG.

1.2.2 This Statement of Commonality is provided at the request of the ExA to provide an overview of the position between the Applicant and the relevant Interested Parties and a table showing commonality on specific points between the various SoCGs.

1.2.3 This document provides a summary of the status of SoCGs at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023).

## 1.3 Structure of Statements of Common Ground

1.3.1 To ensure consistency in the approach across all SoCGs and provide clarity to the ExA, each SoCG has been produced in a standard format.

1.3.2 The SoCGs have the following format:

**Section 1:** provides a background to the document, the parties to the SoCG, and a description of the Proposed Development.

**Section 2:** provides a summary of the consultation and engagement to date between the parties.

**Section 3:** sets out the matters that are agreed, not agreed, and subject to ongoing discussion.

- 1.3.3 A change notification request was submitted to the Examining Authority on 22 September 2023 [**AS-151** and **AS-152**] to update the Drainage Design, following ongoing engagement with Thames Water and the Environment Agency. The iterations of the SoCGs submitted at Deadline 3 are based on the existing DCO drainage design strategy and do not take into account initial engagement with Thames Water and the Environment Agency on the proposed design change.

## 1.4 List of Statements of Common Ground

- 1.4.1 The Interested Parties with which the Applicant has entered into SoCGs with are listed in the Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: List of SoCGs

<b>Host local authorities</b>
Luton Borough Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Hertfordshire County Council
North Hertfordshire District Council
Dacorum Borough Council
<b>Neighbouring local authorities</b>
Buckinghamshire Council
<b>Prescribed consultees</b>
Historic England
Natural England
Environment Agency
NATS (En Route) PLC
NATS (Services) Limited
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
UK Health Security Agency and Office for Health Improvement and Disparity (UKHSA and OHID)
National Highways
East of England Ambulance Service
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Affinity Water
Thames Water
Prax Downstream UK Limited (Prax)
Cadent
<b>Non-statutory consultees on airport site</b>
World Fuel Services (WFS)
Bedfordshire Police

## 2 STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

### 2.1 Summary of current position

2.1.1 Table 2.1 provides a summary of the current position of each SoCG at Deadline 3.

2.1.2 This section will be updated at each deadline during the Examination to explain what has changed since the previous iteration of this document.

Table 2.1: Current position of SoCGs

Document reference	Interested Party	Status at Deadline 2 (12 September 2023)	Status at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023)
<b>Host local authorities</b>			
TR020001/APP/8.13	Luton Borough Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG addresses comments raised by the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 3 to update the document.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.14	Central Bedfordshire Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG addresses comments raised by the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 3 to update the document.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.15	Hertfordshire County Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. Interested Party did not provide	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.

<b>Document reference</b>	<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 2 (12 September 2023)</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023)</b>
		comments on the document ahead of the deadline.	
TR020001/APP/8.16	North Hertfordshire District Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. Interested Party did not provide comments on the document ahead of the deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.17	Dacorum Borough Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. Interested Party did not provide comments on the document ahead of the deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
<b>Neighbouring local authorities</b>			
TR020001/APP/8.18	Buckinghamshire Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG addresses comments raised by the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 3 to update the document.	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect further engagement with the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 6.
<b>Prescribed consultees</b>			
TR020001/APP/8.05	Historic England	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. All SoCG matters agreed with Interested Party.	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2.

<b>Document reference</b>	<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 2 (12 September 2023)</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023)</b>
TR020001/APP/8.32	Natural England	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.07	Environment Agency	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party.	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect further engagement with the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.21	NATS (En Route) PLC	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. All SoCG matters agreed with Interested Party.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.09	NATS (Services) Limited	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. All SoCG matters agreed with Interested Party.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.10	CAA	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party.	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect further engagement with the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.12	UKHSA and OHID	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG addresses comments raised by the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 3 to update the document.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.



<b>Document reference</b>	<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 2 (12 September 2023)</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023)</b>
TR020001/APP/8.11	National Highways	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG addresses comments raised by the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 3 to update the document.	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect further engagement with the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.19	East of England Ambulance Service	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG addresses comments raised by the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 3 to update the document.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.20	Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.08	Affinity Water	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party.	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect further engagement with the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 6.
TR020001/APP/8.06	Thames Water	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party.	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect further engagement with the Interested Party, with engagement to continue ahead of Deadline 6.

<b>Document reference</b>	<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 2 (12 September 2023)</b>	<b>Status at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023)</b>
TR020001/APP/8.03	Prax	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party with all matters agreed. Signed by Prax.	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2.
TR020001/APP/8.04	Cadent	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party with ongoing matters. Signed by Cadent.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Party and intends to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 6.
<b>Non-statutory consultees on airport site</b>			
TR020001/APP/8.02	WFS	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. All SoCG matters agreed with Interested Party.	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2.
TR020001/APP/8.01	Bedfordshire Police	SoCG submitted at Deadline 2. SoCG content agreed with Interested Party with all matters agreed. Signed by Bedfordshire Police.	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2.

### 3 COMMONALITY

#### 3.1 Summary

3.1.1 Table 3.1 demonstrates where there is commonality in the matters being discussed with the parties within SoCGs.

3.1.2 The table is presented to show topics covered within the various SoCGs and how these are relevant to each party, with the position for each topic presented as follows:

	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to ongoing discussion
	Matter not agreed
	Matter not covered by SoCG

Table 3.1: Table of commonality at Deadline 3 (5 October 2023)

Interested Party	Draft DCO	Protective Provisions / Easements	Consultation	Planning	Compensation	Need Case	Design	Construction Impacts	Green Controlled Growth	Airspace and flightpaths	Aviation Fuel Supply and Storage	Employment and Training Strategy	Assessment of Alternatives	Air Quality	Biodiversity	Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases	Cultural Heritage	Economics and Employment	Health and Community	Landscape and Visual Impact	Major Accidents and Disasters	Noise and Vibration	Soils and Geology	Traffic and Transport / Surface Access	Waste and Resources	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Cumulative Effects
Luton Borough Council	Yellow		Green	Yellow		Yellow	Green		Green	Yellow		Green		Yellow	Green	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
Central Bedfordshire Council			Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow			Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow	Green	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow
Hertfordshire County Council			Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow	Green	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Green	Yellow
North Hertfordshire District Council			Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow			Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow	Green	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Green	Yellow
Dacorum Borough Council			Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow			Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow	Green	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Green	Yellow
Buckinghamshire Council	Yellow								Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow			
Historic England																	Green										

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Natural England														Green	Yellow						Yellow		Yellow					
Environment Agency			Green								Yellow												Yellow		Yellow	Yellow		
NATS (En Route) PLC						Green	Green			Green																		
NATS (Services) Limited						Green	Green																					
CAA									Yellow	Green						Green						Yellow						
UKHSA and OHID														Yellow					Yellow			Yellow		Green				
National Highways								Yellow						Green		Yellow	Green		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Green	Green	
Affinity Water	Yellow	Yellow																					Yellow			Yellow		

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