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Further to our previous comments, we have recently discovered that the applicant seeks all land within the DCO boundary to be declared Airport Operational Land. This means the land would be subject to permitted development rights not only in the Borough of Luton, including Wigmore Park but also extending into green field sites in Hertfordshire that are owned by Luton Rising up to the former Fox Public House at Darley Heights.

Our understanding is that if granted, this land could be developed without a planning application being submitted with only consultations taking place. This could have major future consequences to issues that have not been considered by the inspectors and that local planning authorities could not block.

We would request that the inspectors reject this proposal and instead ask the applicant to define a new Airport Operational Land Boundary if they approve the DCO. This should exclude Wigmore Park, New Horizons Business Park and all green field and brown field sites that have not been directly identified as being required for airport expansion.