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# London Luton Airport Expansion Development Consent Order 202x

# 8.87 APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING 1 ACTION 10: GREEN HORIZONS PARK AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose of this Document

1.1.1 This document has been prepared by Luton Rising (a trading name of London Luton Airport Limited) ('the Applicant') for submission to the Examining Authority (ExA). It provides the Applicant's response to Action 10 Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) (on the draft Development Consent Order) held on 26 September 2023:

Applicant to provide the information requested in Annex F part 13 in the Rule 6 letter in respect of a plan showing the Green Horizons Park (GHP) scheme overlaid with the relevant elements of the Proposed Development that would supersede/ replace those elements of the GHP consent and to provide further details on the comments made regarding the relationship between the Proposed Development and Green Horizons Park and the provisions sought in Article 45).

1.1.2 The Applicant has prepared side-by-side plans (**Appendix A**), together with an overlay plan showing the Green Horizons Park (GHP) scheme overlaid with the Proposed Development (**Appendix B**).

#### 2 APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO HEARING ACTION

#### 2.1 Context

- 2.1.1 Article 45 of the Development Consent Order (DCO) is a bespoke provision which has been drafted in light of the Supreme Court case *Hillside Parks Ltd v Snowdonia National Park Authority* [2022] UKSC 30. That judgment relates to planning permissions granted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It holds that, unless there is an express provision otherwise, where development has taken place under one permission, whether another planning permission may lawfully be implemented depends upon whether it remains physically possible to carry out the development authorised by the second permission in light of what has already been done under the first permission.
- 2.1.2 Bespoke drafting has been included in the **Draft Development Consent Order** [REP3-003] in article 45(2)to ensure that where there are any inconsistencies between GHP and the Proposed Development that GHP remains lawful and is still capable of being implemented.
- 2.1.3 In relation to the section 106 agreement which is secured through the GHP planning permission, the Applicant is in ongoing discussions with Luton Borough Council (LBC) on this issue and will provide an update during the course of the examination. Discussions are also ongoing with LBC regarding the possible amendment of elements of the GHP permission and the discharge of pre-commencement conditions.

### 2.2 Summary of Reconfigurations

2.2.1 As set out within the **Planning Statement [AS-122]** and the Deadline 1 response on this issue **[REP1-005 to REP1-011]**, it is not possible at this stage

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to confirm definitively which elements of GHP will be superseded by the Proposed Development given that both masterplans are illustrative and discussions are ongoing with LBC regarding GHP. However, the plans illustrate which elements of GHP would have to be reconfigured or replaced based on the illustrative masterplan for the Proposed Development and this may require amendment applications under S73 or S96a. These are summarised in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Summary of reconfigurations required

Element of GHP	Delivery under GHP or DOCO
Airport Access Road	To be delivered under the DCO. This is not shown on the GHP plan provided.
Wigmore Valley Park	Improvements to the northern area, including children's play area and skate park to be implemented under the GHP permission and is unaffected by the Proposed Development masterplan.
	The proposed pavilion would be provided under the terms of the GHP planning permission. No other elements of Wigmore Valley Park to be implemented under the GHP permission as an alternative reconfiguration will be provided through the DCO.
Office quarter	To be implemented under the GHP permission, in the same location but rotated.
GHP Hotel	To be implemented under the GHP permission, in the same location but in a different shape.
Technical Services Building	To be implemented under the GHP permission, in the same location but rotated.
Light Industrial Quarter	To be implemented under the GHP permission, in the same location but to be delivered as a single building rather than separate units with the floor space reduced.
Hybrid Industrial Quarter	Will not be implemented under either the DCO or the GHP permission.
Tidy Tip reconfiguration	To be implemented under the GHP permission and unaffected by the Proposed Development masterplan.
Car Parking	Car parking to the southeast of office quarter to be implemented under the GHP permission. This is shown as a multi-storey car park on the Proposed Development masterplan rather than a surface car park.  No other car parking is to be implemented under the GHP permission as this will be provided through the DCO.

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