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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by London Luton Airport Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed London Luton Airport Expansion Project
Request for further information and written comments**

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on correspondence sent on the 13 October 2023, relating to the joint decision by the Secretaries of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities and Transport to approve the planning application 21/00031/VARCON subject to several conditions. ***Please note that we request views from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and the response provided below is sent on behalf of both UKHSA and OHID***

We understand that the planning permission specifies among other matters, an increase in passenger numbers (from 18 to 19mppa). The Examining Authority has requested Interested Parties review the decision and submit any comments on the implications for the DCO application.

We confirm our response to the Examining Authority on this matter as follows:

The granting of planning application 21/00031/VARCON has the potential to impact scenario assessments (e.g. 'do nothing') considered within the Environmental Statement of the DCO submission. UKHSA is not able to fully consider potential implications without a statement from the Applicant regarding how this decision affects the results and conclusions (e.g. relating to noise) of the Environmental Statement (ES). Given the decision by the Secretaries of State was for a relatively small increase in passenger numbers (relative in relation to the

ongoing Development Consent Order to increase to 32mppa), it is unlikely that this decision will materially affect our comments, however it would be preferable to see a statement from the Applicant detailing any changes to their assessments.

Yours faithfully

On behalf of UK Health Security Agency

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