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Dear Ms Dowling

Re: Planning Act 2008 – Application by London Luton Airport Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the London Luton Airport Expansion Project PINS Ref. No. TR020001

As you will know from extracts in the national press, a serious fire occurred at approximately 20.45 hrs on 10th October 2023 at the Terminal 2 Multi Storey Car Park attended by the Bedfordshire Fire Service and Rescue, along with other fire services from adjoining Counties. The fire, which was not extinguished until the following day, resulted in the collapse of the Terminal 2 Multi Storey Car Park destroying 1,500 passengers' cars. It led to the suspension of the DART, and the cancellation of 140 flights affecting 25,000 passengers, with flights diverted as far afield as Manchester Airport, with the incident being reported worldwide. Fortunately, and subject to the professionalism of the Fire Brigades in attendance, no serious injuries were sustained to aircraft or passengers, although four fire officers along with one member of staff suffered smoke inhalation problems.

My clients, Holiday Extras Ltd, understand that the Terminal 2 Multi Storey Car Park accommodating 1,975 car parking spaces will have to be rebuilt, with this unfortunate event resulting in a 53% reduction in the on-airport short stay car parking provision, or a 20% reduction in the overall number of existing on-airport passenger car parking spaces.

It would be helpful to know what contingency plans have been put in place by the Applicant to accommodate this loss of car parking spaces, and whether at the present time any indication has been given as to when the Terminal 2 Multi Storey Car Park is anticipated to be rebuilt. These are factors which concern all companies involved in providing airport



related passenger car parking. In this regard, Holiday Extras Limited are willing to assist the Applicant, wherever possible, should they be called upon.

The destruction of the Terminal 2 Multi Storey Car Park has implications with respect to the DCO application, not least in terms of a loss in the number of car parking spaces to be provided on-airport, and measures needed to ensure future supply is commensurate with recent on-airport passenger car parking provision. It will have an impact on expected modal share considerations in the short term, including the ability to which public transport access to LLA will be able to recover in the aftermath of the Covid 19 pandemic. It is likely to have adverse consequences in terms of fly-parking, along with the extent to which initiatives seen in terms of improved public transport services will be able to rely on support through the Sustainable Transport Fund set up by Luton Rising.

Holiday Extras Limited believe there are a number of considerations arising from the Terminal 2 Multi-Storey Car Park fire which have an impact on traffic and transport considerations associated with the DCO application.

The Examining Authority may feel these considerations are best discussed at the Open Floor Hearing 3 on Monday 27th November 2023 commencing at 18.00hrs, or at the Issues Specific Hearing 7 (Traffic and Transport and Surface Access) timed to take place at 14.00 hrs on Wednesday 29th November 2023.

Either way, Holiday Extras Limited look forward to receiving the Examining Authority's views on what they consider to be a relevant matter in the determination of the current DCO application.

Yours sincerely

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