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Dear Ms Dowling,

LONDON LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION – DEADLINE 5 SUBMISSION

Please accept our apologies for this delayed deadline 5 submission, due to the absence of a key member of our team this week. I would be grateful if the Examining Authority would accept this as a delayed submission for deadline 5.

At deadline 4, on 27 October, National Highways explained that it was holding constructive discussions with the Applicant with the aim of seeking to find pragmatic solutions involving appropriate conditions and a more rigorous monitoring regime. We said we would provide a substantive update for deadline 5 and provide, in Annex A to this letter, an updated Technical Note (previously provided at deadline 3) regarding the additional mitigation required by National Highways on the south facing slip roads at M1 Junction 10.

To assist the Applicant and the Examining Authority, National Highways has undertaken further assessment of forecast demand, utilising the emerging outputs of the Applicant's post-covid modelling, and the expected changes in traffic flows on the south facing slip roads. This has enabled us to accept Phase 1 of the proposed development without a requirement for additional works to those proposed by the Applicant in the DCO application. Although we continue to consider that further mitigation is required beyond this point, we have concluded that this can be phased from the point at which airport capacity hits 21.5mppa, provided that the Applicant commits to a suitably robust monitoring regime to enable National Highways and other key stakeholders to understand when capacity thresholds are achieved.



National Highways has also reviewed the outline TRIMMA and Post-Covid Modelling note, submitted by the Applicant at deadline 4, and provides a response with a number of concerns in Annex B to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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