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Dear Examining Authority,

Application by London Luton Airport Limited for the London Luton Airport Expansion Project: The Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and requests for further information.

Luton Airport, 2 Percival Way, Luton, LU2 9LY

ExQ2: WE.2.1

Following ongoing discussions with the applicant we are now at a stage where we would not refuse in principle the reserve option if it were implemented. We do believe the reserve option would be harder to implement and is not our preference as it creates an unnecessary risk to ground water quality, however, such risks associated with the reserve option could be mitigated through engineering solutions.

We are happy that the current documents secured by the DCO will ensure that we are able to assess the detailed design once it comes forwards, following the DCO.

ExQ2: WE.2.2

The information referenced is not required prior to the close of the examination and can be submitted at the detailed design stage. We are still working with the applicants to ensure that the design principles document captures all of our concerns and ensures we are able to assess the documents that will be required later on at the detailed design stage.

Final comments

Thank you for contacting us regarding the above questions. Our comments are based on our available records and the information submitted to us.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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