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Dear Jo Dowling

London Luton Airport Expansion Project

Response to Deadline 8 of the Examination

1. Submissions made at Deadline 8

Please see Appendix A (Tables 1 and 2) for a list of new and updated documents in clean and tracked change versions submitted by Luton Rising (the Applicant) for Deadline 8 of the Examination of the London Luton Airport Expansion Project.

2. Updates to Chapter 18 Traffic and Transportation of the Environmental Statement (ES)

An updated **Chapter 18 Traffic and Transportation** of the **ES [TR020001/APP/5.01]** has been submitted for Deadline 8. The Eaton Green Road/Frank Lester Way junction has been removed from Table 18.9 of the ES. This will be delivered alongside the Airport Access Road at assessment Phase 2a (2039) by the Applicant and not as part of the East of Luton Schemes delivered by Luton Borough Council. The Applicant can confirm that the removal of this junction does not affect the assessment that was undertaken or the outcomes of the ES or Transport Assessment and is simply a presentational change.

3. Response to Deadline 7 Submissions

The Applicant has appended a letter from Pilkington Farms Partnership to the **Applicant's Response to Deadline 7 Submissions [TR020001/APP/8.175]**. This should be read in conjunction with the response to Friends of Wigmore Park's submission in Table 2.4 (ID 1) with regards to the use of the proposed Replacement Land for recreational purposes. The letter confirms that the land was used for agricultural purposes until May 2019 and has not been used for public recreation.

4. Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

Discussions continue to take place between the Applicant and Interested Parties with regards to SoCGs, with good progress made and there are several SoCGs with all matters agreed. The Applicant will continue to engage with the Interested Parties ahead of Deadline 9, at which point it is expected that most of the remaining SoCGs will be finalised and submitted to the Examination at Deadline 9.

It is expected, however, that discussions on some of the more involved and complicated SoCGs (particularly with the Local Authorities) will not be finalised by Deadline 9.

Rather than submitting SoCGs at this deadline with 'outstanding matters', the Applicant believes that it would be more helpful to submit such SoCGs later, possibly Deadline 10 but before the end of the Examination.

The Applicant believes that SoCGs that are either agreed or with a stated position that is more complete than it would have been if submitted at Deadline 9, will present the ExA with a more complete picture of issues on which to base its recommendations.

An **SoCG Updates Document [TR02001/APP/8.106]** has been provided at Deadline 8.

The following SoCGs are submitted at Deadline 8:

- **SoCG between London Luton Airport Limited and NATS (Services) Limited [TR020001/APP/8.09]** – All matters were agreed at Deadline 2. The SoCG has been signed by NATS (Services) Limited and the Applicant.
- **SoCG between London Luton Airport Limited and NATS (En Route) PLC [TR020001/APP/8.21]** – All matters were agreed at Deadline 2. The SoCG has been signed by NATS (En Route) PLC and the Applicant.

5. Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

The Applicant has reviewed the ExA's commentary on the Draft DCO dated 16 January **[PD-018]**. The Applicant has provided a written response to those comments at Deadline 8 in the **Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's Commentary on the Draft DCO [TR020001/APP/8.173]**. This document should be read alongside the updated **Draft DCO** provided at Deadline 8 **[TR020001/APP/2.01]**. The Applicant will provide a further update at Deadline 9.

6. Rule 17 Request

The Applicant notes the requests for further information from the ExA in the Rule 17 letter dated 17 January **[PD-019]**. The Applicant has provided a response to all items requested for Deadline 8 in the **Applicant's Response to Examining Authority's Rule 17 Request dated 17 January 2024 [TR020001/APP/8.179]**.

As requested in the Rule 17 letter, the Applicant has provided an update to the **Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 4 Action 7 - Updates on Road Safety Audits [TR020001/APP/8.118]**.

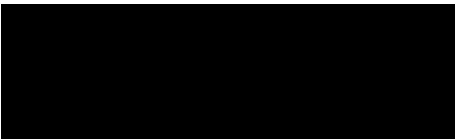
The Applicant notes that the status of the appendices to the above document is as follows:

- Appendix A - all documents within this appendix are final signed versions, and all matters are resolved.

- Appendix B - all documents within this appendix are final signed versions, and all matters are resolved.
- Appendix C - all documents within this appendix are in draft, with further responses are awaited from Hertfordshire County Council to enable agreement and signing. The Applicant will provide a further update at Deadline 9.
- Appendix D - all documents within this appendix are in draft, with further responses are awaited from Central Bedfordshire Council to enable agreement and signing. The Applicant will provide a further update at Deadline 9.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any further comments or questions.

Yours sincerely,



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APPENDIX A – DEADLINE 8 LUTON RISING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

Table 1: List of new documents submitted by the Applicant for Deadline 8

Document Title	Document Number
Applicant's Response to Written Questions	
Applicant's Response to Written Questions NE.2.1 and NE.2.2 - Demand Forecasts	TR020001/APP/8.174
Applicant's Response to Deadline 7 Submissions	
Applicant's Response to Deadline 7 Submissions	TR020001/APP/8.175
Additional Documents	
Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's Commentary on the Draft DCO	TR020001/APP/8.173
Applicant's Response to Comments From the Highway Authorities on the 'Accounting for Covid-19 in Transport Modelling Final Report' [AS-159]	TR020001/APP/8.176
Applicant's Response to Examining Authority's Rule 17 Request dated 17 January 2024	TR020001/APP/8.179

Table 2: List of updated documents submitted by the Applicant for Deadline 8

Document Title	Document Number
Volume 1	
Application Document Tracker	TR020001/APP/1.06
Volume 2	
Draft Development Consent Order Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/2.01
Explanatory Memorandum Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/2.02
Volume 4	
Airport Boundary Plans Airport Boundary Plans (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/4.12
Volume 5	
Environmental Statement – Chapter 18 Traffic and Transportation Environmental Statement – Chapter 18 Traffic and Transportation (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/5.01
Environmental Statement - Appendix 4.1 Construction Method Statement and Programme Report Environmental Statement - Appendix 4.1 Construction Method Statement and Programme Report (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/5.02
Environmental Statement - Appendix 4.2 Code of Construction Practice Environmental Statement - Appendix 4.2 Code of Construction Practice (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/5.02
Environmental Statement - Appendix 10.6 - Cultural Heritage Management Plan Environmental Statement - Appendix 10.6 - Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/5.02
Environmental Statement – Appendix 14.7 Accurate Visual Representations Viewpoints 10B, 13, 14, 17, 17A	TR020001/APP/5.02
Environmental Statement - Appendix 18.4 Outline Construction Workers Travel Plan Environmental Statement - Appendix 18.4 Outline Construction Workers Travel Plan (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/5.02
Volume 7	
Employment and Training Strategy Employment and Training Strategy (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/7.05
Design Principles	TR020001/APP/7.09

Document Title	Document Number
Design Principles (Tracked Change Version)	
Framework Travel Plan Framework Travel Plan (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/7.13
Volume 8	
Statement of Common Ground between London Luton Airport Limited and NATS (Services) Limited <i>Please note that a tracked change version has not been provided because the only change from the previous version is the signature.</i>	TR020001/APP/8.09
Statement of Common Ground between London Luton Airport Limited and NATS (En Route) PLC <i>Please note that a tracked change version has not been provided because the only change from the previous version is the signature.</i>	TR020001/APP/8.21
Summary of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	TR020001/APP/8.54
Outline Transport Related Impacts Monitoring and Mitigation Approach (TRIMMA) Outline Transport Related Impacts Monitoring and Mitigation Approach (TRIMMA) (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/8.97
SoCG Updates Document <i>Please note that a tracked change version has not been provided because the update at Deadline 7 is provided in the adjacent column to the update at Deadline 8.</i>	TR020001/APP/8.106
Rail Impacts Summary Rail Impacts Summary (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/8.121
Bus and Coach Study Bus and Coach Study (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/8.122
Applicant's Response to Hearing Actions	
Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 4 Action 7 - Updates on Road Safety Audits Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 4 Action 7 - Updates on Road Safety Audits (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/8.118
Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 8 Action 22 - Proposed Odour Reporting Process Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 8 Action 22 - Proposed Odour Reporting Process (Tracked Change Version)	TR020001/APP/8.142