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The Applicant, all Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR020001

Date: 26 January 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 89
The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)

Application by London Luton Airport Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed London Luton Airport Expansion Project

## Change to the Examination Timetable – insertion of Deadline 11

The Applicant wrote to the Examining Authority (ExA) on 25 January 2024 [AS-161] requesting that it considered a departure from the published examination timetable for the submission of a number of documents/ agreements to maximise the time available for the Applicant to complete/ agree these before the close of the Examination.

The ExA has considered this request and agree that it would be in the interests of the Examination to have as many of the documents/ agreements completed by the close of the Examination. However, in the interests of fairness and reasonableness the ExA also considers it appropriate that the Examination Timetable is amended to include a new deadline (Deadline 11) on Thursday 8 February 2024 to enable Interested Parties the opportunity to comment on the documents/ agreements submitted at Deadline 10, and for the Applicant to submit final copies of a number of other documents.

A revised Examination Timetable, which incorporates the requested changes to submission dates for several documents and the new Deadline 11 for a response is appended to this letter. This supersedes the Examination Timetable set out in Annex A of the ExA's Rule 8 letter dated 17 August 2023 [PD-008].

Several Interested Parties have enquired about the possibility of submitting closing statements/ submissions. As this is not a planning inquiry the ExA does not require closing statements and for this reason they are not in the timetable. However, should an Interested Party wish to submit one this should be by Deadline 11. Any statement must not introduce any new evidence to the Examination.

The ExA would like to take this opportunity to remind all parties of the importance of timely submissions in accordance with the revised Examination Timetable to enable a full and fair examination of the proposal. Please note that submissions received after a deadline are accepted at the discretion of the ExA and, in any event, any documents received after 23:59 on Saturday 10 February 2024 will not be available for consideration by the ExA when drafting its report to the Secretary of State.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of the letter, please contact the case team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Jo Dowling

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority** 

## **Examination Timetable**

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Date
27	Deadline 9	Tuesday 30 January
		2024
	For receipt by the ExA of:	
	<ul> <li>Final Book of Reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to the BoR</li> <li>Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs), where complete</li> <li>SoCG update confirming the position of all outstanding SoCGs and proposed submission date</li> <li>Guide to the Application</li> <li>Final form of planning obligations as offered to the local authorities and draft form of unilateral undertaking with proposed additional Development Consent Order (DCO) Requirements to secure these should agreement not be signed</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 8</li> </ul>	
28	Deadline 10	Monday 5 February
		2024
	For receipt by the ExA of:	
	<ul> <li>Final version of the draft DCO in clean, tracked and word versions</li> <li>Final draft DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI validation report</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 9</li> </ul>	
29	Deadline 11	Thursday 8 February
	For receipt by the ExA of:	2024

	<ul> <li>Final SoCGs</li> <li>Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG</li> <li>Final status of Negotiations/Compulsory Acquisition Schedule</li> <li>Final Guide to the Application</li> <li>Signed and dated legal agreements</li> <li>Any further information requested by the Examiner Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>Comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 10</li> </ul>	
30	The ExA must complete the Examination of the application within six months.	Saturday 10 February 2024

## **Submission times for deadlines**

The final time for submission of documents at all deadlines is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date although you are welcome to submit documents in advance of the deadline. The acceptance of documents received after the deadline is subject to the exercise of discretion by the ExA.