

SLAE Written Representation Submission for Deadline 9 - 'Aerodrome Manual, Airport Operating Safety Instructions and Emergency Orders'

In SLAE's submission for deadline 7 (002823-SLAE – COMBINED) we asked for a copy of the Aerodrome manual to enable a written submission based upon the 38 references to the Luton Airport Aerodrome Manual in the DCO application.

To be fair SLAE did not expect to be given access to these documents, however if the public are not going to be given access to material associated or used in the DCO application, what's the point of Luton Rising including them in a submission to promote the scheme. It deflects from the aims of The Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) process that was introduced to streamline the decision-making process for major infrastructure projects, **making it fairer and faster for communities and applicants alike.**

On the 4th January SLAE wrote to London Luton Airport Operations Limited asking for access to the following documents.

- Aerodrome Manual, Airport Operating Safety Instructions and Emergency Orders
- Winter Operations Plan,
- Terminal Evacuation Orders and Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction Plan

SLAE represented by myself (Chris Haden) were surprised to receive a response from Carla Russell, Customer Relations Executive at London Luton Airport Operations Limited on the 8th January, writing to say that, *'I am sorry, you will need to raise your enquiries directly with Luton Rising in the first instance. They can provide you with the answers to your questions.'* Surprised because we thought that these documents were Operational documents and not documents under the responsibility of the airport owner (Reference, TR020001-001542-London Luton Airport Limited - Submission of information requested in Annex F of the Rule 6 letter 8) document

On the 16th January I wrote to Luton Rising asking the same question and received a written response from Chris Hall, Communications & Engagement Manager for Luton Rising on the 22nd January, saying that *'the Aerodrome Manual, Airport Operating Safety Instructions and Emergency Order, is not a publicly available document, therefore we aren't able to share the full document with SLAE. However, if you are able to specify the information that you need, we may be able to share extracts of the document, or further additional information you may find useful.'*

Regarding our Winter Operations Plan, Terminal Evacuation Orders, and Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction Plan, we are not able to share copies of these documents as they are operational plans and only available to individuals who have an operational need to view them.'

Again, the question arises, if the public are not going to be given access to material associated or used in the DCO application why are they referenced to promote the DCO application?

An additional question arises, who actually operates the airport and has authority to use the operational documents? Or do LR actually run the entire show, with LLAOL reporting to LR for operational and management decisions?