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Dear Sir,

**TR020001: Luton Airport Expansion DCO
Procedural Deadline 10 Submission – Any further information requested by the ExA
under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 and
Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 9**

With regards to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Special Qualities Assessment on which the ExA raised further questions, we would like to express our support for the comments made by Chilterns Conservation Board at deadline 9 of the examination, particularly in response to the impact of overflights on the tranquillity of Ivinghoe Beacon and Pitstone Hill, both of which lie in the care of the National Trust.

We are particularly supportive of the enquiry made by the ExA regarding whether the experience of people enjoying the Special Qualities of the dramatic chalk escarpment; over 2000ha of common land and 3700ha of open access land; distinctive buildings and attractive places to live and archaeological landscape could be affected by the increase in overflights from the Proposed Development, with this reflecting the Trust's earlier comments on the impact of the proposed development on the tranquillity of these special places.

As set out in the National Trust's written representations, and subsequent submissions to deadlines 2 and 3, we maintain our concerns that the proposed increase in overflights over the Chilterns AONB (National Landscape) would have an adverse impact on the tranquillity of Ashridge Estate, Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Heath. This adverse impact would have a significant effect on human receptors of these places within the AONB (National Landscape) given that it will change the experience of visitors and recreational users.

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We are encouraged to consistently observe that the ExA has sought to scrutinise these impacts throughout the course of the examination.

Yours sincerely



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