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Hi,

SLAE ask the Examining Authority to consider this following email when considering the application and also be available for consideration by the ExA when drafting its report to the Secretary of State.

Following the 002930-LUTN-Rule-8\_3-26-Jan-2024 letter as sent to the Applicant, all Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons dated 26th January 2024, it would appear that there has been some mischief making and the setting of an unfair playing field by Luton Rising, by submitting the following **new** and **not final** documents for Deadline 11.

- 003232-8.195 Applicant's Response to Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 Action Point 10 - Luton Rising Financial Report 2022 23
- 003236-8.191 Closing Submissions
- 003249-8.196 Joint Position Statement - Section 106 Agreement
- 003233-8.194 Excerpts of Relevant Landscape Character Assessments

Each of the above submissions are new submissions, they are not,

- Revisions
- Applicants Responses to the previous deadline submission
- Status of Negotiations
- Statement of Common Grounds

It is disappointing that SLAE have to write this email to the Examination team, however LR are pushing for an unfair advantage. The Rule 8 letter states in paragraph 2, *'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.'*

and paragraph 4 states, *'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.'*

In LR's 003236-8.191 Closing Submissions, 1.1.4 *It is not the purpose or intention of this document to replicate or replace existing submission documents, which continue to fully articulate the Applicant's case and should be referred to on that basis*, does exactly replicate or replace existing submission documents, and is a one sided bias as you'd expect from a sales brochure.

Statements that encourage the reader to believe that *3.2.18 Empowering local people to shape the form of growth at the airport, as well as influence how its future operations will be managed, has been a central theme to the Applicant's approach to developing the Proposed Development* include those residents who live in wards adjoining the airport are wrong. 'Local' people and 'communities' are words used throughout this document, with no real meaning given and a vagueness to hide behind and often means those who live outside the wards as demonstrated time and time again through LR's lack of acknowledgement on this matter.

In LR's 003199-Deadline 11 Cover Letter, dated 8th February, Antony Aldridge, Head of the DCO Programme states that 'This application is not, as it appears at face value, to be about growing our airport. Whilst of course there are commercial benefits to growth, the real driving force behind our application is to optimise the social and economic benefits for the people of Luton and the surrounding area.' Checking through the many thousands of pages of the DCO applicant, 'growth' is a key word throughout. SLAE would like to see growth applied to our natural world which would truly enable the social benefits for the people of Luton, not the economic world.

Many thanks  
Chris Haden  
Stop Luton Airport Expansion.