

Meeting note

Project name	Expansion of London Luton Airport
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	15 August 2019
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL)
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project update

The Applicant advised that Ciaran Scanlon was now the Service Director for LLAL.

CAA Interface

The Applicant provided an update regarding its engagement with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) as a Statutory Consultee. The Applicant stated that the proposals and subsequent Development Consent Order (DCO) would not seek to modify any of the CAA functions and that there would be no change to airspace provisions as a result of this scheme.

The Applicant had contacted the CAA through its DCO Coordination team as advised in the CAA response to the EIA scoping report.

It was noted that it might be helpful if the Inspectorate was able to provide some advice on the scope of engagement, information sharing and the requirement for any statements of no impediments between the Applicant and CAA in respect of the DCO process.

Update on progress/ preparation for Statutory Consultation

The Applicant advised that its response to the Non-statutory consultation was published in February 2019. They anticipated that the section 42, 47 and 48 Statutory Consultation would be carried out between 16 October 2019 and 16 December 2019.

Consultation on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) had taken place with the relevant authorities and comments had been received. These are currently being reviewed. The Applicant advised that it was aware of its duty under section 46 to notify the Inspectorate before the start of Statutory Consultation.

The Applicant confirmed that, for the proposed link road for New Century Park, Luton Borough Council had resolved to grant Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) permission subject to completion of a section 106 agreement. It is anticipated that Phase 1 (western end) of that approval would be under construction at the time of submission of the DCO application. The Inspectorate advised that the consultation should be clear about the distinction between what has/ is to be consented and constructed under a TCPA permission and what was to be included within the DCO. Also there is a need to be clear about the distinction between the Applicant and the Local Authority.

The Inspectorate requested clarification about how the DCO application aligned with the different phases of releasing capacity in respect of lifting a cap and building extra capacity. The Applicant explained the expected growth phases.

The Inspectorate requested clarification about the red line boundary and related land take from other land owners. The Applicant confirmed that some Compulsory Acquisition would be required of land for development and mitigation (including eg infilling of hedgerows and off-site surface roadworks). The Applicant confirmed that all relevant land would be defined in the red line boundary for the purposes of section 42 consultation and land referencing was currently underway.

The Applicant confirmed that access to land for survey work had largely been secured and the survey work completed. Some hedgerows had only recently been introduced so this information was currently being updated.

The Applicant confirmed that the status of any highway improvements (ie whether they would constitute a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project in their own right) would be clear in the consultation material.

Next steps

The following actions were agreed:

- (1) The Inspectorate would seek to liaise with the CAA on roles/ the interface of planning processes.
- (2) Any points of clarification on the Scoping Opinion could be forwarded to the Inspectorate's EIA team for response or feedback.
- (3) Further meetings to be arranged.