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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MANSTON AIRPORT CASE TEAM**

Dear Sirs

Please find attached our submission, (our ref SoS/R/009).

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All the best  
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**For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team**

1. This submission is in response to the SoSFT's call for submissions relating to any other matters arising since 9 July 2019 which Interested Parties consider are material for the Secretary of State to take into account in his re-determination of the application.
2. Government-led research showed exports support 6.5m jobs across the UK, 74% of which are outside London<sup>1</sup>.
3. This is consistent with the Steer/Airlines UK Assessment of the Value of Air Freight to the UK Economy<sup>2</sup>, ("the **Steer Report**"), which highlights the dominance of the supply of air freight services in the South East, predominantly through Heathrow, which is imbalanced with the need for air freight in the UK manufacturing hubs in the North West, Midlands and Wales, as follows :

Para 5.43 "... the importance of air freight to transport equipment producing industries in the East Midlands, the North West, the South West and Wales, while pharmaceutical manufacturing in the North West makes very significant use of air freight as well as (to a lesser extent) in other regions. Machinery, equipment and other manufacturing in many regions are supported by air freight, while basic metal industries in Wales, the North West, West Midlands and Yorkshire are also dependent on it" .

Para 5.44 "Air freight does not support much of the production of the London region, which is unsurprising since it is in general not a manufacturing region, but London's large creative arts sector is seen to be strongly dependent on air freight services"

Para 5.45 "The contrast between the importance of London and the South East in terms of providing air freight services (focused on Heathrow), compared with the relatively low dependence of their economies on the sector in comparison to regions such as the North West, Wales, the East Midlands and the South West, is stark."

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<sup>1</sup> Liz Truss announces creation of four major new Trade and Investment Hubs across the UK. Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/liz-truss-announces-creation-of-four-major-new-trade-and-investment-hubs-across-the-uk> (accessed 7 July 2021)

<sup>2</sup> Steer Report, Assessment of the Value of Air Freight Services to the UK Economy, October 2018. Available online at: <https://airlinesuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Assessment-of-the-value-of-air-freight-services-to-the-UK-economy-Final-Report-v22-Oct-2018-b-SENT.pdf> (accessed 7 July 2021)

4. Earlier this year, the International Trade Secretary announced four major new trade and investment hubs in Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast and a new second DIT site in Darlington<sup>3</sup>.
5. These trade hubs will be home to teams of export and investment specialists, who can provide businesses with expert support and advice to help them: maximise their export potential and boost their trade in new markets overseas; better access major trade markets like India, the US and Japan; and feed directly into DIT's free trade agreements programme<sup>4</sup>.
6. The new trade and investment hub at Darlington sits alongside the Teesside Freeport site which will be the largest freeport in the UK and covers sites across the region, including but not limited to Teesside International Airport, the ports of Middlesbrough and Hartlepool and the Teesworks industrial development in Redcar<sup>5</sup>.
7. **Conclusion**

The location of the regional trade and investment hubs and the location of the Freeports - in particular at East Midlands Airport and Teesside - has materially changed and enhanced the supporting infrastructure for import and export freight in line with the locational need since 9 July 2019. This is consistent with the policy considerations and locational need recommended in the Steer Report at paragraph 5.56, which the Applicant's Proposed Development would not and does not meet, notably:

*"...particular issues relevant to the formulation of national aviation policy as the UK Government develops an aviation strategy towards 2050, including:*

- *How to protect and develop the significant share of the UK economy currently dependent on air freight services; and*
- *How to support UK regions and nations whose economies are heavily dependent on air freight services, particularly where local airports do not currently benefit from strong air freight services."*

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<sup>3</sup> Liz Truss announces creation of four major new Trade and Investment Hubs across the UK. Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/liz-truss-announces-creation-of-four-major-new-trade-and-investment-hubs-across-the-uk> (accessed 7 July 2021)

<sup>4</sup> Liz Truss announces creation of four major new Trade and Investment Hubs across the UK. Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/liz-truss-announces-creation-of-four-major-new-trade-and-investment-hubs-across-the-uk> (accessed 7 July 2021)

<sup>5</sup> Announced March 2021 Teesside Freeport. Available online at: <https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/teesside-freeport/> (accessed 7 July 2021)