

TR020001 Luton Airport Expansion

Summary of Written Representations prepared by The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty (reference number 20040696)

Our written representations expand on our relevant representation (RR-1077) and are informed by technical advice provided by HaskoningDHV UK in relation to the noise impact and air pollution likely to be caused by the proposed development.

Noise Pollution - We maintain our objection to the impact that the proposals would have upon tranquillity at our sites. Where an adverse impact is identified on National Trust sites, such as the increase in overflights at Ashridge Estate, consideration should be made in respect of whether the proposals are appropriate and whether there is the need for mitigation. We are therefore of the view that the National Trust sites identified in this Written Representation should be thoroughly considered by the Examining Authority in their assessment of the development proposals in respect of the noise impact of the development on tranquillity at these sites.

Air Pollution - Given the distance between the airport and National Trust sites identified in this Written Representation, we accept that it is unlikely that there would be an impact on ecological designations through air quality emissions.

We would invite the Examining Authority to undertake site visits, accompanied or otherwise, to locations with Ashridge Estate (including Ivinghoe Beacon), Whipsnade Heath and Dunstable Downs to assess the current noise impact of the airport in its existing operation and to consider the impact that the increase in overflights at these locations would have upon the relative tranquillity of these sites.