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Dear Secretaries of State,

We, the undersigned, call for the Development Consent Order to expand London Luton Airport to be approved on or before the 3rd of April 2025.

As education providers, we recognise the opportunity that the expansion of London Luton Airport brings for our students and institutions. It enables us to deliver high-value skills training and qualifications, equipping the future workforce to meet the demands of an expanded airport, projected to include 11,000 new jobs at the airport and in the supply chain across the region, with around 4,800 directly in Luton. Our institutions embrace the opportunity to contribute to the wider economic benefits of the expansion - the proposals are projected to contribute around £1.3 billion in additional GDP across the three counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire and £1.5 billion nationally.

London Luton Airport is the UK's most socially impactful airport, with £300 million provided to support vital front-line services since 1998, together with an additional £180 million for voluntary, community and charitable organisations. We see this benefitting our students and community - when the airport thrives, so does Luton and the wider region.

We believe that expanding London Luton Airport presents a key opportunity to deliver the necessary skills for construction and operation, while also offering our students the chance to access high-paying, productive careers in their future. Education providers can drive regional and national economy through skills and productivity growth, and we see the expansion of London Luton Airport as a key element of this. We therefore call for the approval of the expansion of London Luton Airport with our full support.

Yours sincerely,


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