



Meeting note

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Meeting with	London Luton Airport Limited
Venue	Teleconference
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.

The Applicant explained that having completed its analysis of the responses to its Statutory Consultation carried out in Q4 2019, and in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the High Court Judgement on the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), it had decided to conduct a detailed review of the Proposed Development that had been developed and consulted on ('the 2019 scheme'). The Applicant confirmed that this would impact on the programme.

In the light of that review, the Applicant explained that it was considering ways in which the proposals could be evolved to have a reduced impact on the environment, for example to further mitigate impacts on noise, air quality and climate change. The Applicant confirmed that they were taking a fresh look at the proposals and that whilst the proposed capacity increase comprising the 2019 scheme would not change, the scheme may see some amendments.

The Applicant explained that if it decided to progress its amended scheme it would consider the implications for any further rounds of consultation prior to submission of the DCO application. The Applicant stated that it intended to use the Inspectorate's Draft Documents Service and would submit draft documents soon after its targeted consultation exercise had elapsed. The Inspectorate encouraged well-progressed versions of the draft documents to be submitted as early as possible in order to ensure that detailed and valuable feedback could be provided.

The Applicant confirmed that its application would be submitted under s105 of the PA2008; where no National Policy Statement has effect.

The Applicant confirmed it did not intend to formally re-scope under the EIA Regulations as it considered the 'worst case scenario' arising from the amended scheme to have been captured in the Scoping Opinion adopted in May 2019.

The Applicant explained that it would provide a more comprehensive overview of the programme for its amended scheme at the next project update meeting scheduled for June 2020.