

# Meeting note

<b>Project</b>	Expansion of Luton Airport
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<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate)
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<b>Meeting with</b>	London Luton Airport Limited (the Applicant)
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams meeting
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

## 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.

## Luton Rising

The Applicant confirmed Luton Rising (LR) is the new trading name of London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL) which has been rebranded. The Applicant explained they will undertake the upcoming consultation as LR. The DCO application will be submitted by LLAL who remain the legal entity and LLAL will be defined as the undertaker in the development consent order.

## Update on Statutory Consultation

The Applicant confirmed that the Statutory Consultation is being held between 8 February and 4 April 2022 and will take place both digitally and physically with 13 in-person events taking place during the consultation period

The Applicant briefly outlined what they will be consulting on (technical documents and non-technical documents). They also confirmed the approach and methods they will be taking including in person public events, newsletters, 24/7 virtual consultation room, feedback channels (online, post or email), document inspection venues in the community, remote/telephone engagement sessions and project inbox and mailbox.

A detailed list of venues and times were listed for the in-person events. The Inspectorate raised the issue around Government advice and restrictions regarding Covid-19 and the Applicants confirmed they had provisions set up for virtual meetings should the need arise.

The Applicant confirmed they are planning a publicity campaign before the start of the statutory consultation period.

The Inspectorate raised a question around the role of the Planning Officer Group. The Applicant explained this was a monthly meeting with Planning Officers from host Local Authorities for sharing information and updates on progress on the application.

### **Draft Need Case**

The Applicant confirmed The Draft Need case updates the 2019 Outline Need Case with updated assessments. The Applicant listed the sections and briefly outlined each section.

They confirmed the order had been altered since the 2019 version.

The Applicant explained they were mindful around aviation policy changes and the Government's Jet Zero update.

### **PEIR**

The Applicant explained how the PEIR has been updated to take into account scheme changes due to Covid-19 and the impact on the aviation industry. They have also taken into account the consultation comments from 2019 Statutory Consultation.

The Applicant confirmed that some updated baseline surveys had been undertaken, the scope of which had been agreed with Natural England. The majority of these surveys were now complete, although the wintering bird surveys were still to finish.

The Applicant explained that the PEIR is nearing completion and is in the format of a draft Environmental Statement (ES). The changes since the previous consultation are relatively minor, with no great difference in land take or scale. Only very small red line adjustments have been required. A key change has been the timescale for the phased increase. Although the target remains as previously with 32 million passengers per annum (mppa) over three assessment phases, a longer timescale is provided for 21.5mppa by 2027, 27mppa by 2039, and 32mppa by 2043.

The Applicant went through the contents and appendices for the PEIR, summarising the documents and page numbers anticipated in each document. For each chapter the Applicant described the likely significant effects identified.

## Hyperlinks

The Inspectorate advised that hyperlinks to documents/evidence hosted on a third- party website (such as commercial websites, social media etc) **cannot be accepted** and will be redacted from representations by the Inspectorate prior to publication. This is because the Examining Authority, Interested Parties and the Secretary of State cannot rely on documents/evidence that the Inspectorate cannot directly control in respect of availability and content (including from a UK GDPR perspective).

However, hyperlinks to verifiable websites **can be accepted** in submissions and will not be redacted. The Inspectorate gave examples of documents that could be hyperlinked such as local and national policy documents which require full reference with access date. Verifiable websites include:

- Government websites (with a .gov address);

Websites for chartered professional institutes such as IEMA, RTPI etc.

The Applicant should contact the Inspectorate Case Team if there was uncertainty as to whether a hyperlink is likely to be redacted from a submission

## Programme for sharing draft application documents

The Inspectorate asked the Applicant to run through the programme for submission. The Applicant responded that they are looking at the programme and will come back to the Inspectorate with a timetable at the next meeting following the Statutory Consultation.

The Applicant is aiming to submit draft documents to the Inspectorate after the Statutory Consultation has finished and responses have been considered. The Inspectorate advised Applicant that the draft document check should take between 6 and 8 weeks to complete depending on the number of documents submitted and whether specific advice is requested. The Applicant was advised to be mindful of any impact to the submission of application if they intend to make any changes to documents following the Inspectorate's review.

The Inspectorate gave some advice around what should be submitted at this stage, explaining that it is best to be sent a suite of documents rather than individual documents at different times. The Inspectorate explained that it would be assist the review if the Applicant could highlight anything novel and used the example of the Green Controlled Growth.

The need for future meetings between the Inspectorate and the Applicant was discussed with a meeting suggested to take place after the end of the Statutory Consultation period and a further meeting once the draft documents review check-had been completed by the Inspectorate.