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Dear Phil

Inner Thames Estuary Feasibility Studies

The Commission has invited views in relations to two specific questions around the Feasibility Studies:

- Is there information in the studies which is factually inaccurate?
- Is there any new information or evidence for consideration by the Commission?

From LCY's point of view, the answer to both questions is no. The airport was pleased to have been involved in the work that was undertaken to inform the studies and we take no issue with their findings and conclusions.

We would, however, take this opportunity to reinforce points that we have made before:

- Both the Commission's Interim Report and the Feasibility Studies state that were an Inner Thames Estuary solution to be progressed, LCY would have to close or see its operation seriously curtailed - with a consequent loss of jobs, investment and economic benefit.
- Were a solution that effectively destroyed LCY's business to be shortlisted, the airport would object strenuously, and were the solution to be recommended and taken up by the government of the day, LCY would seek full and fair compensation on behalf of its shareholders.
- In the short to medium term, and with the London City Airport Development Programme (CADP) in place, London City Airport can add much-needed airport capacity into the system, helping to alleviate UK capacity constraints while a long-term solution is arrived at and delivered. The CADP will add capacity to the London Airports system by 2023, earlier than any of the options currently being considered by the Airports Commission.
- Any uncertainty around the future of the airport during this period will deprive the country of that capacity - and the additional jobs and economic benefit associated with that increased capacity - effectively removing it when it is most needed.

If you require any further information about anything contained herein, or have any questions, please contact Jeremy Probert, Director of Corporate Affairs, on 0207-646-0016 email: jeremy.probert@londoncityairport.com.

Best regards
Yours sincerely



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