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Dear Sir/Madam,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 62A
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017 (SI 571/2017 ('THE EIA REGULATIONS'))**

Applicant: Stansted Airport Limited (STAL)

Site Address: London Stansted Airport, Bassingbourn Road, Stansted, Essex, CM24 1QW

We refer to the above application. The Secretary of State has considered the Application in accordance with Regulation 12 (1) of the above Regulations.

The development proposed, partial demolition of the existing Track Transit System and full demolition of 2 no. skylink walkways and the bus-gate building. Construction of a 3-bay extension to the existing passenger building, baggage handling building, plant enclosure and 3 no. skylink walkways and associated hardstanding, falls within the description at 10 (b) of Schedule 2 to the EIA Regulations. Having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above EIA Regulations, the Proposed Development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment for the following reasons:

The Proposed Development is located in proximity to a 'sensitive area' as defined by Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations, namely: it is within the Impact Risk Zone for Elsenham Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) located c.1080m northeast.

Considering the nature, scale and location of the Proposed Development and nature of the receiving environment, whilst there may be some impact on the surrounding area and nearby designated sensitive area as a result of this development, it would not be

of a scale and nature likely to result in significant environmental effects, either alone or cumulatively with other development.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by Regulation 12(1) and 7(2) to (8) of the EIA Regulations, the Secretary of State hereby directs that this development is not Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development.

Under Regulation 28(1) of the EIA Regulations, the relevant planning authority must take steps to secure that this screening direction is placed on the part of the Planning Register which relates to the application.

This direction does not affect any duties of the applicant under other legislation, including The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Yours faithfully,

Jessica Jones

Jessica Jones
EIA and Land Rights Advisor
(Signed with the authority of the Secretary of State)

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