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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

**London Stansted Airport, Bassingbourn Road, Stansted CM24 1QW
S62A/2023/0022**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above.

The application seeks to provide a terminal extension and associated works to enable the Airport to accommodate and process the approved 43 million passengers per annum (mppa) throughput, pursuant to planning permission UTT/18/0460/FUL. As such and as the application states, any potential effects arising from the proposal would be limited to the impact of the building itself, rather than the consequences of operations within it. On that basis the County Council takes the view that impacts on Hertfordshire are either negligible or non-existent and therefore has no objection to the application.

Permission already exists to increase terminal capacity to cater for the consented 43 mppa throughput through a standalone Arrivals Building situated on land immediately to the north-east of the existing terminal. However, the County Council understands and appreciates the case made by the applicant as to why this current application for an extension to the back of the terminal has substantive advantages over that already consented. It would immediately increase the capacity of elements of the terminal that are under greatest short-term pressure, still follow the design principles of the Sir Norman Foster building, address the issue of passenger access to and from two of the existing aircraft piers and allow for the Track Transit System to be decommissioned and replaced by skylink walkways (providing increased reliability and flexibility to passengers and allowing the flow of passengers to the satellite piers from the departure lounge and from the piers to the immigration hall to be regulated much better), and so on.

The County Council welcomes the commitment in the application to target a BREEAM Excellent rating to support the transition of the Airport towards net zero in operation by 2038, to be net zero in operation in relation to the airport company's scope 1 and 2 emissions, and to facilitate an improvement in the overall energy efficiency of the existing terminal infrastructure over time.

For all of these reasons, the County Council supports the application.

Yours sincerely,

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