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Dear Mr Boulton,

Planning consultation: 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.

Location: Land at London Stansted Airport Bassingbourn Road Stansted Essex

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 8 August 2023.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IMPACTS ON DESIGNATED SITES

As submitted, the application could have potential significant effects on designated sites. Natural England requires further information in order to determine the significance of these impacts and the scope for mitigation.

The following information is required:

- A Habitat Regulations Assessment ('HRA') to determine impacts on designated habitat sites.

Without this information, Natural England may need to object to the proposal.

Please re-consult Natural England once this information has been obtained.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites and advice on other issues is set out below.

Natural England has previously been consulted on this development and refers you to our letters of 31 August and 25 October 2018 (as attached).

Previous iterations of this application have included a HRA, assessing impacts on internationally important designated habitat sites. Whilst Natural England has not previously objected to this

development an updated assessment should be conducted, taking into account most recent and best available evidence.

With regards to Sites of Special Scientific Interest ('SSSI'), we have previously advised that a successful application should secure suitably detailed air quality monitoring at Hatfield Forest SSSI and National Nature Reserve ('NNR') and Elsenham Woods SSSI and further advises that any views put forward by the National Trust should be given due consideration.

Further general advice on the consideration of protected species and other natural environment issues is provided at Annex A.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 020 802 61025

Yours sincerely,

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