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Subject: S62A/2023/0022 - London Stansted Airport Bassingbourn Road

Good afternoon,

Thank you for consulting Takeley Parish Council on S62A/2023/0022 - London Stansted Airport Bassingbourn Road Stansted Essex.

The Parish Council has no objections in principle to the proposals. We do, however, request the following matters to be considered in planning conditions:

1. Construction Management Plan - To prohibit construction traffic using roads through the Takeley Four Ashes junction as the junction is already over-capacity and there are congestion and highways safety issues along the route, particularly in Parsonage Road.

2. Skylink Walkways – Inclusive access arrangements should be provided and sufficient capacity of an alternate mode of transport for those who cannot use the moving walkways. Along with the increased capacity for passengers, there needs to be support available for an increased in passengers requiring assistance.

We wish to highlight the specific additional needs of members of the public with assistance dogs, who will not be able to use the walkways. There is also a need for ‘spending spaces’ for the use of assistance dogs, and for them to be conveniently located in public areas.

3. Passenger drop-off/collection facilities – Improved drop-off facilities and lower priced short-stay car parking should be situated adjacent to the terminal. Changes are urgently needed and should be included in the plans to extend the terminal. The expensive drop-off in front of the terminal building is unacceptable and the time limits cause major stress to all users, particularly at peak times when all users are worried that they will be timed out and be subject to even higher costs for every minute extra. The mid-stay drop-off facility is an inconvenient bus-ride away from the terminal. This situation results in road users driving erratically in the vicinity of the airport and causes taxis to wait in residential streets and lay-bys for prolonged periods, with no access to public conveniences.

4. Sustainability/Net-Zero measures – The mitigation to make the scheme carbon neutral seems very small if it is limited to enhancing a grassed area within the grounds. There is reliance on installing a solar farm on agricultural land in Takeley close to the terminal access road. Instead, there should be solar panels on terminal buildings and offices and solar car ports should be placed throughout the airport’s car parks. These measures are used successfully elsewhere, for example Montpellier airport, which boasts a 4.5MWp solar carport, providing weather protection for its users and generating 6.2 million KWh per year; a substantial percentage of the airport’s total electricity requirements.

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The Parish Council requests an opportunity to speak at a hearing, should one be arranged.

Kind regards



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On Behalf of Takeley Parish Council