

Member Briefing Note – 15 February 2012

London Luton Airport – ‘futureLuToN:Optimisation’

Pre-Application Consultation

On the 13th of February, London Luton Airport Limited¹ began pre-application consultation for proposals to expand the airport’s capacity from 10 million passengers per annum (mppa), as currently served, to 18 mppa, but within the existing airport boundary, and using only the existing runway.

The ‘emerging preferred option’ includes changes to taxiways, increased numbers of piers, stands and aprons, changes to the terminal, and additional car parking.

Timetable

The proposals have emerged very quickly and with little notice. The programme for progressing the proposals is also extremely ambitious:-

1. Pre Application Consultation - 13 February to 26 March.
2. Development of preferred option - February-April 2012
3. Consultation analysis and feedback: - March-April 2012
4. Submission of planning application to Luton Borough Council - April 2012
5. Potential decision from Luton Borough Council - Autumn 2012

Further Information

The website for these proposals is <http://www.futureluton.co.uk/default.asp>, where more detail on the proposals can be found.

Events

As part of the consultation a number of public exhibitions are taking place. The details of those exhibitions can be found at the end of this note.

Hertfordshire County Council

Officers are currently attempting to engage with GL Hearn, the consultation agents for London Luton Airport Limited. The county council will respond to the pre application consultation. However due to the short time available this will be an officer response in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Community Safety. In due course we will make a formal response to consultation on any planning application.

¹ London Luton Airport Limited is the owner of the airport and its shareholder is Luton Borough Council. The airport is run by London Luton Airport Operations Limited on a 30 year concession (granted in 1998). The agreement with the operator allows the owner to break the concession with effect from 1st April 2014.

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Location and Times of Exhibitions

Hitchin

Hitchin Town Hall, Brand Street SG5 1HX
Friday 17th February 14:00 - 20:00

Caddington

Heathfield Lower School, The Green LU1 4HF
Saturday 18th February 10:00 - 17:00

Leighton Buzzard and Linslade

Linslade Community Hall, Waterloo Road LU7 2NR
Wednesday 22nd February 14:00 - 20:00

Dunstable

Dunstable Leisure Centre, Court Drive LU5 4JD
Thursday 23rd February 14:00 - 20:00

Harpenden

Southdown Room, Harpenden Public Halls, Southdown Road AL5 1PD
Saturday 25th February 10:00 - 17:00

Stevenage

Ellen Terry Room, 2nd Floor, Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre. Lytton Way
SG1 1 LZ
Monday 27th February 14:00 - 20:00

Luton South

Stockwood Discovery Centre, London Road LU1 7HA
Wednesday 29th February 14:00 - 20:00

Wheathampstead

Wheathampstead Memorial Hall, Marford Road AL4 8AY
Thursday 1st March 14:00 - 20:00

Breachwood Green

Breachwood Green Village Hall, Chapel Road, SG4 8NX
Monday 5th March 14:00 - 20:00

Luton East

Raynham Community Centre, 66 Eaton Green Road, LU2 9JE
Thursday 8th March 13:30 - 19:00