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Our ref: Local Plan – Airport Evidence

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Dear Mr Jones

Southend Local Plan Review – Call for Evidence

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council consulted on a Local Plan Issues and Options document between February and April 2019. This represented the first stage of consultation. A range of comments were received as part of the consultation, including comments on London Southend Airport. The consultation report is available here <https://localplan.southend.gov.uk/issues-and-options/issues-and-options-reports>

With respect to the Airport, comments primarily covered surface access, in particular regarding public transport, environmental implications and noise. London Southend Airport is itself located on the Rochford/Southend boundary. Development at the Airport is currently managed through the requirements of the planning consent and the Southend Airport Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) adopted in December 2014. The JAAP looks ahead to 2031 at which date it was anticipated 2 million passengers would be carried. The 2018-19 Airport Annual Report however expected that 2.5 million passengers would be carried in the period 2019-20. It is also our understanding that an Airport Masterplan is being produced that envisages significantly greater growth levels than this over the coming decade.

The future growth of Southend Airport and development within its environs will be an important strategic issue for the new Local Plan and will need to be considered jointly with Rochford District Council. Consideration will need to be given as to whether the JAAP will be retained (and subsequently updated) to cover detailed issues or if the Local Plan should provide this framework. The Local Plan will need to look at a range of issues relating to the Airport including economic development potential; impacts on the broader transport network; noise and climate change issues and the potential effects on other development opportunities in Southend. In order to demonstrate at plan examination that we have undertaken a robust evaluation of a full range of reasonable alternative options the Council is now seeking to understand the aspirations of the Airport. In particular we are keen to understand the broad concept of any growth/ development proposed and associated land use requirements, including, but not limited to:

- Broad quantum of growth in passenger flights proposed and associated land use requirements;
- Projected trajectory both within and beyond the plan period to 2038;
- Economic impact of growth, including creation of additional jobs (both direct & indirect);
- Current and future modal travel split (public/ private car) and land use requirements/ transport interventions required to meet this, including:

- broad requirements for transport access including parking and any public transport investment needed;
- impacts on the road network, especially the A127;
- key infrastructure requirements including trigger points for provision;
- Key constraints and opportunities to unlock and enable development;
- How environmental constraints will be addressed with particular emphasis on Climate Change;
- Initial assessment of viability including broad assumptions;
- Options for development at a smaller scale and associated land use requirements.

This initial evidence will assist in providing the basis for developing options for growth associated with London Southend Airport and assist with future analysis. This request for information is made without prejudice to the objectives of either party; at this stage it is not possible to foresee the outcome of the emerging Local Plan, nor does it prejudice any decision the Council may wish to take should an application be made.


In order for this evidence to feed into the plan making process it is requested that it is submitted to the Council by **8th May 2020** or earlier.

It would be beneficial if any data and GIS associated with this could be shared with the Borough Council and be available to neighbouring Rochford District Council.

I appreciate you are in regular contact with Council colleagues. It would be very helpful to us however, in preparing the Local Plan, if you would willing to attend a meeting to discuss these matters in more detail. I would be very grateful if you could contact me by email or on the above telephone number to arrange a discussion.

Yours sincerely

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