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Cllr Mrs Christina Cant  
Chair of Development Control Committee  
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Dear Cllr Cant

**Stansted Airport Planning Application: UTT/0717/06/FUL**

Please find enclosed a copy of Volume 3 of our response to the above. This is a review of the additional information provided by BAA following the Council's Regulation 19 Notice and other information requests sent by UDC to BAA Stansted on 15 September 2006.

We expect it will be common ground between us that BAA's response to the Regulation 19 Notice and other UDC information requests is seen as generally negative and unhelpful in relation to so many of the Council's most important points, for example, the Quality of Life Assessment, CO2 emissions, the Final Airport Master Plan and the requested appraisal of the effect of the development on the local housing market. This is despite the fact that the Council's request for additional information was very restrained, for example in relation to its original Scoping Opinion and/or in relation to the many questions arising from Members, SSE and others. In our view the Council omitted to ask many important questions.


As we have previously pointed out, the Secretary of State for Transport's statement to the High Court, in the course of the proceedings challenging the Air Transport White Paper in 2004, makes clear that if the Council considers the environmental impacts of the proposed development to be unacceptable it is fully entitled to refuse development consent **'even if such a refusal would frustrate Government policy'**. We have also previously pointed out that Government planning guidance states that **'if the developer fails to provide enough information to complete the environmental statement, the application can be determined only by refusal'**.

We are of the firm opinion that the Council already has more than enough information to conclude that the environmental impacts of BAA's proposal are wholly unacceptable. Even if, at this late stage, BAA were to provide the information that it has so far failed to provide we believe that it is now beyond doubt that the grounds for refusal could only be reinforced.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions arising from the enclosed response, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council as well as to Alasdair Bovaird, John Mitchell, Roger Harborough and Jeremy Pine.

Finally, please note that the Appendices in Volume 3 of our response include a substantial amount of information that we have previously sent to you. However, we considered it important to ensure that this information was placed formally on the planning record.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Peter Sanders  
Chairman

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