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23 July 2008

Dear Mr Sanders

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – Planning Appeal, Stansted Airport, Stansted Airport, Essex.

Thank you for your letter of 11 July 2008 seeking information about communications relating to surface access matters at Stansted Airport. Your request was received by our respective Departments by e-mail on 11 July. It is being treated as a request for information relating to the Section 78 appeal currently before the Secretaries of State (our ref: APP/C1570/A/06/2032278).

As the information you have requested is environmental information, your request is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and you may expect a full reply from each Department by 8 August 2008, 20 working days from date of receipt.

Notwithstanding your request, we attach a letter that was prepared prior to receipt of your email of 11 July, and scheduled to be sent on 14 July. We are releasing this now as we can see no public interest in withholding it. We are currently considering your request in relation to other surface access material which we might hold.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact either of us. A copy of the CLG access to information leaflet is enclosed which explains how that Department handles formal requests for information.

Yours sincerely



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John Faulkner

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14 July 2008

Dear Mr Sanders

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78
APPEAL BY BAA PLC AND STANSTED AIRPORT LTD
APPLICATION REF: UTT/0717/06/FUL
STANSTED AIRPORT, STANSTED, ESSEX, CM24 1QW**

Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2008.

The Secretaries of State have noted the comments made in your letter of 18 April concerning surface access projections, as well as those made by CMS Cameron McKenna in their letter of 8 May. They are aware that the Inspector heard extensive technical evidence concerning surface access issues from all main parties during the G1 public inquiry and has submitted his recommendations on this aspect as part of his report currently under consideration.

Whilst noting the comments made regarding the transport assessment submitted as part of the G2 applications, the Secretaries of State consider that these will be investigated and tested as part of the determination of that planning application. They do not consider that the G1 and G2 assessments are directly comparable. Therefore, the Secretaries of State are presently of the view that it is not necessary to request further evidence from parties on this matter nor is it appropriate to reopen the inquiry.

This letter is being copied to other Rule 6 Parties.

Yours faithfully



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Access to DCLG Information

INTRODUCTION

This leaflet explains how you can get access to information that we hold at the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

PUBLISHED INFORMATION

We publish information in the following ways, all of which you can have access to.

- The ***publication scheme*** lists the published information, by categories, available from us, our agencies and regional offices. This scheme tells you how to get documents and whether there is a charge.
- The ***publications database*** contains details of our publications issued since May 2002. You can browse or search for particular publications, see what's new and send us your comments. It tells you how to ask for free publications and how to order (and pay for) priced publications.
- ***Recently released information*** such as latest announcements, publications and press releases.
- The ***information asset register (IAR)*** lists unpublished information that we hold and that is available for access if you ask.

You can find the publication scheme, publications database, IAR and recently released information on our website at www.communities.gov.uk

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

If information has not been published yet, or will not be published, you can still ask for it under the following access guidelines.

- ***Freedom of Information Act 2000.*** Apart from certain exemptions, the Act gives a general right of access to information that we hold.
- ***Environmental Information Regulations 2004.*** These regulations give you a right of access to environmental information that we hold, including information about air, water, land, natural sites, plants and wildlife.
- ***Data Protection Act 1998.*** The Act gives you the right to ask for access to ‘personal data’ that is held about you.

HOW WE WILL HANDLE YOUR REQUEST

- ***Freedom of Information Act.*** Whenever possible, we will reply to your request within 20 working days of receiving it. In some circumstances, it may take us longer to provide the information. If this is the case, we will write to tell you when you can expect a reply. We may also ask you for a fee if we need to charge you for the information. If we cannot provide the information, we will write to explain why we cannot give you the information. One reason could be that we do not hold the relevant information or that it is ‘exempt from release’ (in other words, we cannot give you the information by law).
- ***Environmental Information Regulations.*** We will handle any requests made under these regulations in the same way as requests made under the Freedom of Information Act. With complicated requests, however, it may take us up to 40 working days to send all the information to you.
- ***Data Protection Act.*** We will search all the relevant records that we hold to find any ‘personal data’ we hold about you. We will send the information we hold within 40 days of receiving your request.

HOW TO MAKE A REQUEST

- ***Freedom of Information Act.*** You must make your request in writing to the relevant business area. If you don't know which area that is, you can write to our Enquiry Services:

Department for Communities and Local Government
Enquiry Services
Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6DE
(Telephone: 020 7944 4400)

You can also send your written requests to the relevant business area e-mail account (see our website for a list of e-mail accounts). If you can't find the relevant e-mail address, you can e-mail Enquiry Services E-mail: Contactus@communities.gsi.gov.uk

- ***Environmental Information Regulations.*** You can make requests in the same way as Freedom of Information Act requests, or over the phone.
- ***Data Protection Act*** You should send your requests for 'personal data' that we hold about you to the Data Protection Officer. You need to send a cheque for £10 (payable to DCLG) and two forms of identification (such as a copy of your birth certificate, passport, driving licence or household utility bill) with each request you make. You must make your requests in writing to:

The Department for Communities and Local Government
Data Protection Officer
Zone 2/F29, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6DE
(Telephone: 020 7944 6023)

We have a visitor centre at Ashdown House in Victoria Street where you can look at the available information. You will need to make an appointment before you can inspect information at the visitor centre.

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COMPLAINTS AND REVIEWS

We have an internal complaints and reviews procedure. If you want to make a complaint about the way we have handled your request, or if you want to request an Internal Review against our decision not to release information, you can contact our Enquiry Services. If you are still not satisfied after we have considered your complaint or review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner for a final decision by writing to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700 (switchboard)
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

Department for Communities and Local Government: www.communities.gov.uk
Department for Constitutional Affairs: www.dca.gov.uk
Information Commissioner: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/