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Dear Sirs

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Section 78: Appeal by BAA Ltd and Stansted Airport Ltd against the decision of Uttlesford District Council; land at Stansted Airport, Stansted, Essex CM24 1QW.

In our letter to you of 18 April we requested advice on how BAA's substantially revised surface access projections for its proposed G1 development, which only became apparent when its G2 application was submitted, were to be dealt with and we repeated this request in our letter of 9 May. We have not yet had a response from you on this matter. Nor have we had a response to our letter of 21 May 2008 requesting that the G1 Inquiry be re-convened.

Our firmly-held view is that BAA's revised surface access and air quality evidence should be fairly tested before an independent inspector. However we stand ready to provide evidence on the materiality of BAA's revised G1 surface access data whether at a re-convened G1 Inquiry or via correspondence. We note that your letter of 12 March stated that "The Secretaries of State are ... inviting representations only on the particular [air quality] issue ..." (your emphasis). This view was, of course, taken before it emerged that BAA had also materially revised the surface access projections for its G1 proposal. Now that the Secretaries of State are aware of this issue, we believe it would be inconsistent to have allowed further evidence on BAA's revised air quality data but not to allow further evidence on BAA's revised surface access data.

We look forward to receiving your advice on how the matter of BAA's revised surface access projections for its proposed G1 development is to be handled.

Yours sincerely

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