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Dear Mr Glenday

Stansted Airport Planning Application UTT/18/0460/FUL

We refer to our previous comments in respect of the above planning application (attached for easy reference) and note that Uttlesford District Council (UDC) has set a date for determining it on Wednesday 17 October. It is unclear how the process of considering and determining this application can be safely concluded when the purpose of the proposed development cannot be as stated by the applicant. UDC's own description of the application on its website is misleading when it says "Airfield works to enable combined airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements" – the airport already has permission for this number of aircraft movements.

In evidence to the 2007 Public Inquiry into the Stansted Generation 1 Planning Appeal the advocate for Stansted Airport Limited (STAL) emphasised in his closing submissions that no additional physical development was required for the proposed limit of 264,000 ATM's pa. An extract taken from those closing submissions is attached. It is the duty of an advocate not to mislead the Inquiry as made clear in the attached extract of a note published by Landmark Chambers. It is reasonable to assume therefore that STAL's advocate did not mislead the 2007 Public Inquiry.

The statement in the current planning application that the proposed additional airfield infrastructure is required to enable an unchanged limit of total ATM's to be handled is incompatible with the evidence given to the 2007 Public Inquiry. The only possible conclusion to be drawn from this discrepancy is that the purpose of the proposed physical development cannot be as stated. **In other words, if STAL's advocate did not mislead the 2007 Public Inquiry, then STAL must be misleading UDC now.**

It is difficult to see how UDC can proceed to determine this application without first obtaining a satisfactory explanation regarding the real purpose for the proposed additional airfield infrastructure. When this additional information is received it should be made available for further public consultation prior to any determination of the application.

We should be grateful to receive an acknowledgement of this letter and an indication of what steps UDC proposes to take to address the issues raised herein within five working days.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Clifford
Parish Clerk