Clarification note: <u>Luton Airport Expansion - 19 mppa</u>

'Missing' Appendix 10B

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Technical Note

1.1.1 This clarification technical note provides an explanation of the references made to Appendix 10B in the Environmental Statement Addenda ESA3, and ESA4.

1.2 Background

In his Luton Airport Public Inquiry Proof of Evidence for LADACAN, Seth Roberts (Hayes McKenzie Partnership Ltd 3617_N01_EXT4, 29 August 2022), makes reference to a "...missing Appendix 10B..." at paragraphs 5.10, 5.13, 7.1, and the third bullet point of paragraph 7.8. It is his opinion that "...the omission of this document is a significant failing of the ES documentation".

1.3 Applicant Response

- 1.3.1 There is no missing Appendix 10B.
- Reference to Appendix 10B is, unfortunately, a typographical error within a footnote reference and was overlooked during final editing of the documents. The relevant references to Appendix 10B should be to Appendix 8C in ESA4 (July 2022), and 8C in ESA3 (July 2021).
- Notwithstanding this, the footnote states in full "A discussion on how the forecasts are used within the noise modelling software is provided within Appendix 10B." Despite the incorrect reference, it is clear that the footnote is referring to the Noise Modelling Report present in Appendix 8C. Furthermore, ESA3, Section 8.4-Data Gathering methodology, refers to Appendix 8C in the same context. Also, in response to a similar query during consultation, the fourth row of Table 8.4 in ESA3, provides a similar clarification.
- For the avoidance of doubt, the forecasts of relevance to the assessment are presented in ESA3 Appendix 8B, Table 8B.1, and ESA4 Appendix 8B, Table 8B.1. There are numerous references directing the reader to the table of aircraft movements in Appendix 8B throughout the noise chapters in both ESA 3, and ESA4.