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Record breaking summer for London Luton Airport

London Luton Airport (LLA) is gearing up for its busiest ever summer period, with 2.65 million passengers expected to travel through the Airport in July and August*.

LLA has confirmed 13 new routes so far this year, including USA, Morocco and Turkey, with four further routes confirmed for 2015. The Airport's quick and easy service and good value make it a draw for holiday makers. The five destinations LLA is predicting to be the top holiday spots for travellers this summer are:

- 1. Palma the largest city in the Balearics combines sun, sea and beautiful architecture
- 2. Copenhagen the cosmopolitan Danish capital is a draw for culture vultures
- 3. Naples a historic Italian city with bustling street life
- 4. Nice an elegant city on the French Riviera
- 5. Ibiza an enduringly popular destination with world-famous nightlife

Passenger numbers at LLA grew by 16% in June compared with the same month last year. A record breaking 1.2million passengers travelled through the Airport, marking 15 months' consecutive growth.

With continued passenger growth expected, LLA is investing £100 million into the Airport to increase annual capacity from 12 million to 18 million by 2026, as well as delivering major upgrades to the Airport's facilities, including:

- A complete redesign of the terminal to create a quick, efficient, friendly and convenient passenger experience.
- Doubling existing retail space and the development of a new world-class executive lounge.
- Major upgrades to transport links, including better road access to the M1, new car parking facilities, a remodelled bus and coach interchange and improved rail links.
- The addition of Luton Airport Parkway to the Oyster card network in September.

Nick Barton, CEO of LLA, said: "The introduction of new destinations has seen passenger numbers surge this summer. The announcement that easyJet will launch services to Innsbruck and Vienna this winter means we're set for our busiest year ever. As the Airport's popularity increases and the development work gets underway we are working hard to ensure that all our passengers have a great experience with us."

London Luton Airport (LLA) is one of the UK's largest airports and carried more than 16 million passengers in 2018, The airport employs over 9,400 staff and is a key economic driver for the region.

easyJet, Wizz Air, Ryanair, Thomas Cook Airlines, Tui, EL AL, Blue Air, TAROM, SunExpress, Iberia (Air Nostrum) and Vueling currently operate from the airport. The airport's route network serves more than 140 destinations including services to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The airport is operated and developed by a consortium of which the majority shareholder is AENA, the world's largest airport operator, and AMP Capital, a specialist global investment manager.

LLA has invested over £160million to transform the airport and increase capacity from 12 million to 18 million passengers per year by 2020. The redevelopment included a complete redesign of the terminal, bringing in new and exciting shops and restaurants and major upgrades to transport links, including better road access to the M1, new car parking facilities, a remodelled bus and coach interchange and improved rail links to Luton Airport Parkway station. In addition, plans for a new £200 million light rail system linking the airport with Luton Airport Parkway station have been announced and are anticipated to be completed by 2021. The project is being

delivered by the airport owners, LLAL – a company owned by Luton Borough Council.