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NOTE FOR PLANNING POLICY WORKING GROUP FROM STOP STANSTED EXPANSION

SSE's main concern is with the wording of Objective 2c of the draft Local Plan, in particular 'the full capacity of the existing runway'. We take it from paragraph 3.77 of the draft that by full capacity it means 35mppa. Some people, however, are under the impression that it means the 44.5mppa set out in recent correspondence with the Airport about the scoping report. To dispel any misunderstanding, and for the avoidance of any doubt, we think it essential to amend 'the full capacity of the existing runway' to 'the full 35mppa approved capacity of the existing runway'.

If however the planners want to retain some ambiguity by which the Council approves both the existing full capacity (35mppa) and the full capacity proposed by STAL (44.5mppa) then we must take the strongest objection. It would be premature and indeed disgraceful if the Council were to give the green light to 44.5mppa before it had even seen STAL's Environmental Impact Assessment.

The amendment of Objective 2c is our primary concern. We have other concerns, and will be addressing the Council about these at a later stage. For the purpose of this meeting, however, we urge Councillors to amend Objective 2C.

Peter Sanders

Chairman

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