

Stansted G2 applications – request for further information

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Item for decision

Summary

This report seeks delegated authority to seek further information from the applicants about the environmental effects of the Stansted G2 planning applications and related proposals

Recommendations

The Interim Chief Executive and Director of Development be authorised to issue a Notice under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) England and Wales) Regulations 1999 requiring further information from the applicants BAA Ltd and Stansted Airport Ltd in respect of the Environmental Statement forming part of the Generation 2 planning applications and related proposals.

Background Papers

Stansted Generation 2 Airport Project Environmental Statement

Planning application files

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Further information will be available for public consultation
Community Safety	
Equalities	
Finance	
Human Rights	
Legal implications	
Sustainability	

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Ward-specific impacts	
Workforce/Workplace	

Situation

- 1 Careful consideration is being given to the 17 Volumes and their various appendices comprising the submitted Environmental Statement (ES) to assess its adequacy and identify any key gaps in the information.
- 2 It is likely that there will be a need to serve a notice under Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations. The submitted statement does not consider the following assessment case: full use of the 82 mppa capacity of the runways as proposed operating in mixed mode.
- 3 It is assumed that the Secretary of State will call in the applications and they and the related proposals will be determined by her and the Secretary of State for Transport following a public inquiry. It is not known when call in will occur, but it could be soon. Once the application is called in, the Secretary of State can require additional information from the applicants, but the Council will then lose that power.
- 4 We have extended the deadline for submission of representations on the planning application from 26 June to 26 September. However, where they raise points about the adequacy of the ES, these can be taken into account. We have not completed an initial appraisal of what further significant information is needed but aim to do so shortly. Completion requires input from the local authorities' consultants. We then need to seek counsel's advice before finalising a Notice.
- 5 A Notice can be served without prejudice to serve additional Notices, as the need is identified, up to the point of call in.
- 6 Once call in has occurred, in addition to the Secretary of State's powers, information can be requested from the applicants through technical working groups as part of the inquiry preparation process.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The applications are called in before a Notice can be served	2. Call in date is not known	3 Important environmental information may not taken into account at the Public Inquiry	Enable officers to serve a Notice as soon as possible.