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Dear Ms Rousell

Application for proposed alterations to Airport Way/Airport Approach Road, infill extensions and alterations to terminal buildings, extensions to car parks, new taxiway, extensions to existing taxiway and car parking aprons and a new multi storey car park linked to terminal building - London Luton Airport

I refer to our letter of 18 November 2013 issuing an Article 25 Direction in respect of the above planning application.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered this case against call-in policy, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by Nick Boles on 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively. The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible.

In deciding whether to call in this application, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead him to conclude, in his opinion that the application should be called in. The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in this application. He is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in this application, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether this application is EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011. The local planning authority responsible for

determining this application remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to this proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

The Article 25 Direction issued pursuant to the Secretary of State's letter of 18 November 2013 is hereby withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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