

LONDON LUTON AIRPORT LIMITED

Transport and Works Act 1992

Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure)

(England and Wales) Rules 2006

# THE LONDON LUTON AIRPORT PASSENGER TRANSIT SYSTEM ORDER

Statement of aims

Rule 10(2)(c)

## Introduction

- 1 This statement is submitted in support of the application made by London Luton Airport Limited (**LLAL**) to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 for an order under sections 1, 2 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 (**Order**).
- 2 This statement is intended to provide a concise overview of the aims of the proposals to which the above application relates, the purpose of which is to provide LLAL with powers to operate the proposed passenger transit system that will provide a mode of transit for passengers between Luton Airport Parkway Station and the Central Terminal at London Luton Airport (**passenger transit system**).

## Background

- 3 LLAL and Luton Borough Council are investing over £200 million in the passenger transit system. The passenger transit system is being developed to improve passenger journey times and connectivity to and from the airport using a modern, sustainable and efficient system. The passenger transit system is scheduled to open in 2021.
- 4 The order would confer powers on LLAL to operate the passenger transit system that will provide a mode of transit for passengers between Luton Airport Parkway Station and the Central Terminal at London Luton Airport. Planning permission for the passenger transit system was granted by Luton Borough Council on 30 June 2017 under reference 17/00283/FUL and Central Bedfordshire Council on 7 July 2017 under reference CB/17/00716/FULL. All the land and rights needed for the construction of the passenger transit system have been acquired by LLAL.
- 5 In order to operate the passenger transit system effectively, LLAL would require a number of powers to ensure that members of the public can enjoy use of the passenger transit system safely and without nuisance.

## Aims of the passenger transit system

- 6 The purpose of the passenger transit system is to transform the experience of those travelling to the airport by rail and to encourage more people to do so, thereby enhancing the airport's environmental track record and to help to reduce road congestion.
- 7 The passenger transit system will be a fully automated and driverless system, approximately 2.1 kilometres in length, and will provide fast, frequent and reliable transfers for passengers between Luton Airport Parkway station and the terminal in approximately five minutes. It will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Powers sought

- 8 The powers sought include the following:
  - (a) statutory authority for LLAL to operate and maintain the passenger transit system, including the creation of defences to proceedings in nuisance (or the escape of things from land) in defined circumstances;
  - (b) the power to charge and issue tickets for the use of the passenger transit system and to issue penalty fares in the event that a valid ticket is not produced when required;

- (c) the power to enter into agreements with the police, including the British Transport Police, to provide policing services for or in connection with the passenger transit system;
  - (d) the ability to transfer the powers under the Order from LLAL to another person; and
  - (e) the power to enter into leases and other agreements in relation to the operation of the passenger transit system.
- 9 The Order will also include and provide statutory authority for byelaws that will govern the use of the passenger transit system. The byelaws will relate to travel and fares, enforcement, control of premises, equipment and safety and conduct and behaviour. They will include:
- 10 Conduct and behaviour:
- (f) an ability for an authorised person to require any person to queue or wait to regulate order of safety;
  - (g) a prohibition on the bringing of dangerous items onto the passenger transit system;
  - (h) a prohibition on smoking and vaping on the passenger transit system;
  - (i) a prohibition on the possession and use and consumption of drugs and carrying open alcohol on the passenger transit system;
  - (j) a power for an authorised person to refuse entry onto the passenger transit system to any person who is in an unfit or improper condition;
  - (k) a prohibition on improper behaviour on the passenger transit system; and
  - (l) a prohibition on singing or the use of articles or equipment for the production of sound to the annoyance of other persons on the passenger transit system.
- 11 Equipment and safety:
- (m) a requirement only to enter and exit the passenger transit system via the ticket gates unless authorised otherwise;
  - (n) a requirement to enter, exit and use the carriages forming part of the passenger transit system only as instructed and not to:
    - (i) exceed the maximum number of persons allowed in a carriage (as indicated on a sign inside each vehicle);
    - (ii) attempt to open or close the doors of the passenger transit system (with exceptions for emergencies) or to obstruct them; and
    - (iii) use any emergency communications system other than in the case of an emergency and in accordance with displayed instructions.
- 12 Control of premises:
- (o) a prohibition on entering any area of the passenger transit system where there is a notice that forbids entry on, and loitering or remaining on, any part of the passenger transit system if asked to leave by an authorised person;

- (p) a prohibition on causing obstruction through the bringing of bicycles and other conveyances onto the passenger transit system and/or in contravention of any sign and the power to clamp and remove any such bicycle and other conveyance brought onto or left on the passenger transit system in contravention of a sign or causing hindrance and the power to issue a charge for such clamping and removal;
- (q) the creation of pedestrian-only areas with exceptions for wheelchairs, pushchairs and prams; and
- (r) an ability for the operator of the passenger transit system to refuse entry to animals being brought onto it where the animal would threaten or annoy other passengers or soil or damage the passenger transit system, with the byelaws regulating how persons in charge of animals that are permitted to be brought onto the passenger transit system must look after them.

13 Travel and fares:

- (s) the designation of a compulsory ticket area which may only be entered with a valid ticket; and
- (t) a requirement to produce a ticket for inspection when required to do so by an authorised person.

14 Enforcement:

- (u) a requirement on persons to comply with the instructions of an authorised person;
- (v) a power to require persons suspected of being in breach of the byelaws to leave the passenger transit system; and
- (w) the creation of an offence punishable by a fine for any breach of the byelaws.

## Summary

- 15 The Order will provide LLAL with powers to operate the passenger transit system including statutory authority for its operation, powers to charge for its use and to issue penalty fares and the power to make byelaws regulating use of the passenger transit system by passengers.