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SECTION 77 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – REFERENCE OF APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (INQUIRIES PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) RULES 2000

## **SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE TO INQUIRY ON TRAFFIC ASSESSMENTS**

In respect of:

Planning Application Reference: Y06/1647/SH (New Terminal Building)

Planning Application Reference: Y06/1648/SH (Runway Extension)

Relating to land at London Ashford Airport, Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 9QL

## Supplementary Note to Public Inquiry

### Further Information on Traffic Assessments

#### Introduction

- 1.1 This note has been produced in response to comments made in both the Cross-Examination of Mr. Keith Sowerby by Ms. Louise Barton and the Evidence-in-Chief of Mr. Gareth Thomas with regards to assessment of traffic impacts over a wider area, in particular to the west of the Airport along the A259.

#### Traffic Assessments

- 1.2 The Transport Assessments [CD 1.6 and 1.7] for both Applications included an assessment of all routes forecast to be used to access the Airport by car based on the passenger catchment areas.
- 1.3 Detailed traffic assessments were carried out where the Airport would result in an increase of more than 5% - these forecast increases are provided in Table 9.2 of both Transport Assessment documents.
- 1.4 Consequently, the routes and junctions assessed in more detail were:
- B2075/Airport Access Road;
  - B2075/A259 Hammonds Corner; and
  - A259/A2070 Brenzett.
- 1.5 The A259 west of Brenzett and the C24 were not projected to experience an increase of more than 5%.
- 1.6 Discussions with the Highways Agency, Kent County Council and East Sussex County Council did not result in the request for further assessment of the highway network to the west of Brenzett as the forecast traffic impacts were considered to be low.
- 1.7 The safety of the A259 between the C24 junction and Brenzett was raised by both Ms. Louise Barton and Mr. Gareth Thomas.
- 1.8 The C24 is protected by the S106 obligations to monitor traffic through Camber generated by the Airport.
- 1.9 The A259 to Rye is a trunk road and therefore managed by the Highways Agency. It has not been suggested by the Highways Agency that the route is unsuitable for use by traffic accessing the Airport.