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Dear Sir

**LONDON ASHFORD AIRPORT LIMITED  
APP/L2250/V/10/2131934 & APP/L2250/V/10/2131936  
COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR 03/2009 – COSTS AWARDS IN  
APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING PROCEDURES**

We write to confirm London Ashford Airport Limited's ("LAA") position on costs in respect of the above call-in inquiry references.

LAA has decided not to make an application for an award of costs against any of the parties in relation to this matter to date.

LAA considers that some of the parties have clearly acted unreasonably and caused LAA to incur unnecessary and wasted expense during and in the build up to this call-in inquiry. This conduct has included the submission of late and new evidence before and during the actual sifting of the inquiry, the failure to resolve issues capable of resolution promptly and the failure to substantiate objections at the inquiry itself, thereby requiring LAA and its professional team to incur extra expense in preparation time. However, LAA is mindful that some of the objecting parties to this inquiry are a mixture of a pressure and interest groups and others are charities. On balance, LAA does not consider that making an application for an award of costs is in the interests of any party or best use of this inquiry's valuable time no-matter how justified such an application by LAA would be in this instance.

LAA reserves its position in relation to the remainder of the inquiry and in relation to the position of the other parties.

Yours faithfully

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