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Dear Mr Peck,

Aberdeen Airport Draft Master Plan Consultation Response

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Master Plan for Aberdeen Airport. Aberdeen City Council agrees that Aberdeen Airport plays an important role in the economy of the North East, both directly in the jobs it creates and the connections it provides, which are essential for national and international business. This Master Plan sets a positive vision for improvements to Aberdeen Airport and this vision is strongly supported by the Council.

The Draft Master Plan targets to increase the use of more environmentally sustainable modes of transport, as set out in the Airport Surface Access Strategy. This is a key element of the Aberdeen City Local Transport Strategy to promote the use of sustainable modes of transport. The Airport Surface Access Strategy provides a more detailed tactical response and a review of this is an important component in achieving the Airport's aspirations for growth. The previous strategy was produced in consultation with the Airport Transport Forum and the Council were involved in discussions. The Council has not been listed and, as the transport authority for the area, it is requested that specific reference is made to ensure that the Council is involved in future discussions.

The Draft Master Plan also identifies transport projects to help ease congestion at Aberdeen Airport to support future growth; these include the Aberdeen Western

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Peripheral Route and Dyce Drive Link Road projects. There remains a commitment by the Council to deliver both of these projects.

The Draft Master Plan identifies some general development principles to guide and inform development. It would be valuable, given the gateway to Aberdeen that the Airport creates, to consider in more detail the issues such as those highlighted in the Council's own Masterplanning Process, namely Context, Identity and Connection. Further information available at:

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=31782&SID=1439>

4. It is understood that there are constraints on public realm within the airport environment, but any future redevelopment could address sense of arrival, combined with ease of movement and comfort around the site for passengers. A detailed land-use plan could supplement the Master Plan to identify areas of improvement and aid in co-ordinating future development. This could also provide an opportunity to consider future building design and the relationship of the various functions of the airport and thereby create a positive impression co-ordinating all new proposals. Officers would be willing to work with Aberdeen Airport and provide advice should you wish to progress further detailed plans.

The Master Plan allows us to identify where there is likely to be a requirement for planning permission, which will assist in the process. We would encourage you to engage with the Council's Planning and Sustainable Development Service at the earliest opportunity where planning permission is required for development.

On a more detailed point, on page 18 of the Draft Master Plan, the Local Development Plan policy that covers Aberdeen Airport is **BI4** rather than **B14**.

Yours Sincerely

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