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RE: ExCeL London supporting a more sustainable, better connected London City Airport

Dear Mr McFadden,

We are writing in support of London City Airport's the planning proposals (local planning authority reference: 22/03045/VAR).

ExCeL London has enjoyed a strong working relationship with LCY over the last two decades and we recognise the key role the airport plays in supporting local communities through investment, job creation and a growing domestic and global route network.

Here at ExCeL London, we host over 400 events each year, welcoming 40,000 exhibiting companies and over 4 million people from across the globe. Events hosted at ExCeL are responsible for delivering £4.5bn in economic impact to London, supporting 37,600 jobs and driving 25% of London's inbound business tourists.

Our success as a business is largely dependent upon the strength of the leisure and tourism ecosystem around us, with transport and connectivity fundamental to this offer. Combined with the existing strength of the London Underground, DLR and the new connectivity provided by the Elizabeth Line, the performance and offering of London City Airport is important to our proposition and to the decision making process for our event organisers in a global market.

We are embarking on a 25,000sqm expansion to the east of the current venue due for completion in 2024, with a focus on attracting international events and visitors. Pivotal to the success of this investment in our facilities will be increased connectivity, enhancing the experience and wellbeing of our organisers and visitors. The planning proposals at LCY will provide greater opportunities for us to attract audiences and will support our ambitions and ability to remain competitive.

As the first UK venue of its kind to be awarded internationally recognised PAS 2060 Carbon Neutral Status, we applaud the commitment of LCY that only cleaner, quieter, new generation aircraft will be allowed to operate in any newly extended periods and recognise that increased routes will reduce onward transport requirements from our visitors.

We strongly believe that the plans outlined align with our own commitments to create jobs for local people and to help create ever more vibrant communities and continued growth, which is why we are happy to support the proposals fully.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer