



# London Luton Airport Expansion Development Consent Order (DCO)



# Why DCOs?

## **Sizewell B**

**4.5 years to decide**



## **LHR Terminal 5**

**Over 7 years to decide**



# What is a DCO?

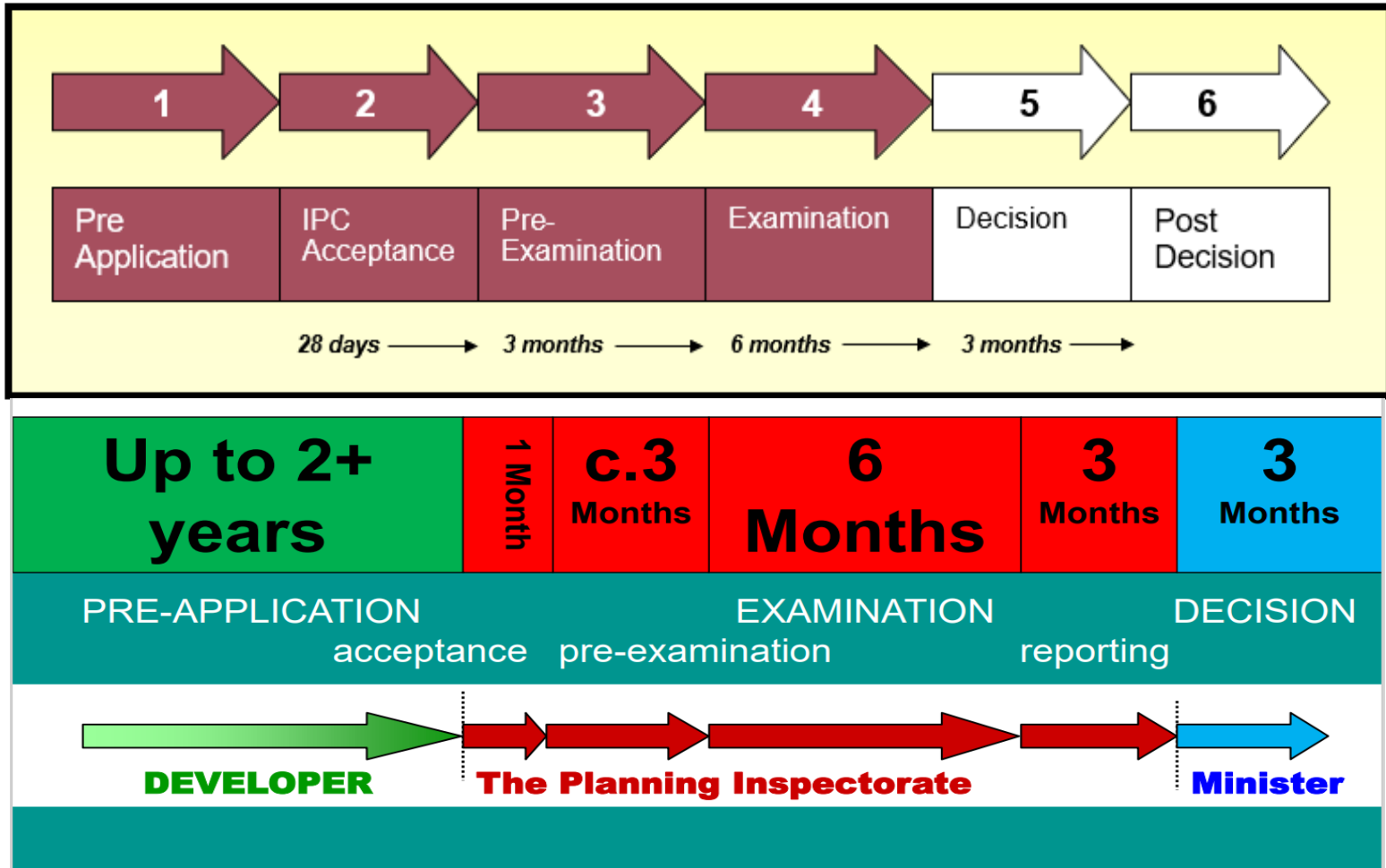
- The Planning Act 2008
- DCO – a means of obtaining permission for NSIPs.
  - Primarily Energy, Transport, Water and Waste Projects
  - Thresholds for qualifying development



# Principles of Planning Act 2008

- Single consents regime
- Clear and statutory timetable
- National Policy Statements – addresses need and principles
- Front loaded / Early Engagement
- Predominantly Written Representations

# DCO Stages



# Why a DCO for Luton Airport

The Proposed Development is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') because:

- It comprises the alteration of an airport.
- The airport is in England.
- The effect of the Proposed Development is to increase by at least 10 million per year the number of passengers for whom the airport is capable of providing air passenger transport services.

As a result, the Applicant requires development consent under the Act in order to construct, operate and maintain the Proposed Development.

# Luton Airport DCO - Proposals

- A new passenger terminal and additional aircraft stands
- Increase - 18 million passengers per annum to 32 million
- Enhancement of the existing surface access network
- Extension of the Luton Direct Air to Rail Transit
- Infrastructure enhancements and initiatives to support the target of achieving zero emission ground operations

# Luton Airport DCO – Current Stage



- At pre-examination
  - Developer required to publicise application
  - Register to participate in the Examination as an Interested Party
  - Submit a Relevant Representation (all interested parties) / Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (Buckinghamshire Council and other named stakeholders)
  - **Deadline to register and submit 23rd June**
  - Buckinghamshire Council is currently considering its position as a consultee with regard to registering as an interested party
  - Inspector(s) have been appointed and unaccompanied site visits undertaken
  - A draft timetable will be published with a preliminary meeting held to discuss the timetable



# Luton Airport DCO – Next stage



- Examination

- Hearings: Open floor; Issue Specific; Compulsory Purchase
- Written Submissions: Written Representations; Examining Authority's Questions; Responses to other submissions;
- Potential Additional Buckinghamshire Council inputs: Local Impact Report; Statement of Common Ground; S106 Agreement
- **Deadlines: Quick turnaround and short timeframe**

# Importance of Engagement

- Buckinghamshire Council as a consultee is only able to make representations in its role as the Unitary Local Authority in order to protect the interests of its communities
- Given the wide parameters of its remit it may not be possible for the Council to cover all relevant issues and interests in detail within its submissions
- Important that other interested parties register their interest and submit their own representations to ensure that all issues and interests are considered by the ExA

# Key Links

National Infrastructure Planning Project Site:

[London Luton Airport Expansion | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://planninginspectorate.gov.uk/london-luton-airport-expansion-national-infrastructure-planning)

Introduction to the Application:

[DCO Application - Report template \(Read-Only\) - please Edit and Save As \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://planninginspectorate.gov.uk/dco-application-report-template-read-only)

Environmental Statement Non-technical Summary:

[LTNDCO ES NTS 03 V1 \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ltndco-es-nts-03-v1)

Draft Development Consent Order:

[DCO Application - Report template \(Read-Only\) - please Edit and Save As \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://planninginspectorate.gov.uk/dco-application-report-template-read-only)