

Strictly Private & Confidential

22 April 2016

Mr Pedro Lino Pinto
Civil Aviation Authority
CAA House
45-49 Kingsway
London WC2B 6TE
United Kingdom
Email: economicregulation@caa.co.uk

By e-mail only

Re: Response to CAA Consultation CAP 1364 – Surface Access

Dear Mr Pinto,

I refer to the CAA document CAP1354 entitled ‘*Consultation on issues affecting passengers’ access to UK airports: a review of surface access*’ (“the Document”).

STN has previously said that “*what airport passengers urgently need is investment in track improvements between London and Stansted*”. Regarding the UK Government’s ‘East Anglia franchise 2015: invitation to tender’, STN stated that it would “*work with the bidders to ensure they deliver Stansted Airport’s aspirations for a more frequent and reliable train service for airport passengers and commuters alike*”.

Such statements indicate that STN may be willing to invest in Stansted Express. Should STN indeed invest in Stansted Express in any form, the costs incurred must not affect airport charges at STN, or be included in any future STN RAB. In addition, it is unclear why Stansted Airport has committed to work with bidders to improve the train service for “*commuters*”, given that STN serves airline passengers, and not commuters.

We stand ready to assist should you have any queries or require clarification. If so required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Krasa
Manager – EU & Competition Law

Annex: London Stansted Airport press release, 17 September 2015