Outlook

RE: 144791/FO/2025 Weston Student Halls And Pendulum Hotel 78 Sackville Street Manchester M1 3BB

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Jennifer,

We think that the development as proposed will generate false plots on the secondary surveillance radar operated by NERL but located at Manchester Airport, and that these false plots would lead to an unacceptable impact on the ability of both our and the tower controllers ability to provide a safe and efficient air traffic service in the area.

The technical mechanism by which those false detections can be caused by large reflective buildings is detailed in the attached.

We do however believe this impact to be mitigatable if the applicant is willing to organise a re-adaptation of the radars processing algorithms. If you are able to aid the conversation between us and the applicant be providing us with contact details (or providing ours to them) it would be much appreciated.

Regards,

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Thanks for the email. Can you take this as a formal notification of the application and provide further detailed comments? Thanks Jennifer

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We refer to the application above. The proposed development has been examined from an en-route infrastructure technical safeguarding perspective and the findings show that it will infringe NERL safeguarding criteria for the following reason:

The proximity, physical size and relative orientation of the development, is sufficient to generate false tracks on the radar located at Manchester Airport

Accordingly, NATS (En Route) plc objects to the proposal.

We would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the legal obligation of local authorities to consult NATS before granting planning permission. The obligation to consult arises in respect of certain applications that would affect a technical site operated by or on behalf of NATS (such sites being identified by safeguarding plans that are issued to local planning authorities).

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These directions require that the planning authority notify both NATS and the Civil Aviation Authority ("CAA") of their intention. As this further notification is intended to allow the CAA to consider whether further scrutiny is required, the notification should be provided prior to any granting of permission.

It should also be noted that the failure to consult NATS, or to take into account NATS's comments when determining a planning application, could cause serious safety risks for air traffic.

Should you have any queries, please contact us using the details below.

Yours Faithfully

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