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Dear Mr Joseph,

Thank you for continuing to involve Arriva in the planning of the transport provision for the Land East of Luton site (Local Plan submission version refs EL1, EL2 and EL3) substantially under the control of Bloor Homes and The Crown Estate, through your transport consultants DTA. We are grateful for being kept informed of the changes to the development proposals and the opportunity to contribute to the bus service proposals that has been provided to us since 2013.

We consider that the proposed development is in a good location to be served as part of the Luton local bus network, which also offers good connections with inter-urban bus services and regional and national train services. The scale of development, combined with residential catchments in existing neighbourhoods in Luton, means that a new bus service seems to be the best way of serving the site. We envisage that it would be routed via the Wigmore Park local centre, near to the Luton Airport auxiliary employment areas, and past Luton Airport Parkway station. The new service would substantially improve our bus service provision for residents in the Wigmore Park and Vauxhall Park areas of Luton.

When the development is fully-built, it seems likely that a new bus service would be commercially viable and provide a frequent service throughout commuter and shopping periods, and a service extending into the evening and on Sunday. It would be operationally feasible to provide the service from the early stages of the development if suitable on-site roads and a turning point are provided. The service would require financial support through the construction phases, which we understand you are prepared to provide.

Regarding the Memorandum of Understanding that we have signed with you, while this has now expired during the extended Local Plan preparation period, we will be happy to renew it and extend our collaboration to cover the current Local Plan period and the determination of full planning applications. We look forward to working with Bloor Homes to plan the bus service for this development and the delivery of the service when the development is underway.

Best regards,

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