

We take our environmental responsibilities incredibly seriously. In support of our application for development consent, we are carrying out a thorough and robust assessment of the environmental impacts of expansion using the best available data and modelling techniques. This is referred to as an Environmental Impact Assessment, the outputs of which will be captured in an Environmental Statement.

We are proposing to build on this by introducing a unique and ground-breaking initiative which we call Green Controlled Growth (GCG).

GCG is a new, environmentally-focused approach to managing growth at the airport. It will introduce binding limits for the airport's noise, carbon, air quality and surface access impacts. We selected these impacts because these are the areas where, as the airport grows over time, there is most scope for impacts to increase in line with growth. Crucially, these environmental limits are not airy aspirations, but would be legally binding. Assessing whether limits are being breached will be carried out by an independent body.

GCG includes ongoing monitoring of these impacts and regular public reporting. If monitoring were to suggest at any point that these limits were in danger of being breached, then plans must set out how that breach would be avoided. If environmental limits were ultimately breached, further growth would be stopped, and mitigation required.

Figure 3.2 Environmental impacts addressed by GCG



The GCG limits will also include a robust system of governance and independent oversight to ensure that performance against the environmental limits is properly monitored and managed. We will set up a new body, independent of Luton Rising, to hold the airport operator to account and ensure that appropriate action is taken based on the results of monitoring.

We believe GCG would be one of the most far-reaching commitments to the sustainable operation of an airport ever to be introduced in the UK.

You can read more about this in our **Draft Green Controlled Growth Proposals** document.

# Green Controlled Growth