
Re: T4 MSCP Class F queries (24177/APP/2026/24)

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Hi Ed,

I'm good, thank you, and I hope that you are feeling much better.

In terms of the second point, I will take that away to the design team to review and answer.

As for the first, Interpretation of Part 8 states that:

"operational building" means, for the purposes of Class F, building, other than a hotel, required in connection with the movement or maintenance of aircraft, or with the embarking, disembarking, loading, discharge or transport of passengers, livestock or goods at a relevant airport.

The MSCP comprises a building required in connection with the transport of passengers at a relevant airport, thereby falling within this definition found within the GPDO 2015 (as amended).

Please find attached a case officer report from Luton for a MSCP within the operational boundary of the airport (2017). Helpfully, this document refers to two previous examples for Heathrow in 2007 and 2010 and I have provided the links to those cases on your website:

- [3177/APP/2007/1671](#)
- [62360/APP/2010/800](#)

A second submission (the one from 2017 burnt down) for the same was subsequently 'approved' (permitted development) in 2024 (ref: [24/00333/GPDOPD](#)).

Whilst addressing the second point, I wanted to provide the further justification for point 1 early so that we can provide you with sufficient information, so please review the above and advise if anything further is required. I do hope, however, that the above provides sufficient comfort on this issue.

I'll come back to you on point 2 ASAP, but please do advise on point 1 at the earliest opportunity.

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

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Hi Graham,

I hope you're well. Apologies for the delay in determining the above, which is mostly due to me being off sick, however I have finished my report and asked Roz to check it for sign off. She has completed her review and we have a couple of follow up queries we would like you to respond on please:

1. Please could you provide some additional justification that the MSCP would fall under the definition of an 'operational building'. It may be that there is caselaw or other examples where this approach has been taken.
2. Are you able to confirm how the height of the proposed MSCP relates to surrounding building heights (i.e. what are the heights of nearby other buildings). Details are provided regarding the immediately adjacent terminal and hotel in the sections which are roughly comparable, but it would be helpful to have some more detail to corroborate what it stated in the Landscape and Visual section of the covering letter, i.e. where you conclude 'which is the context of the airport, nearby tall hotel and other buildings, large aircraft hangers and depots, is not considered to be significant.' [I think you meant 'in' the context].

Thanks, subject to receipt of the above we should be able to turn it around relatively quickly.

Kind regards

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