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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: LUTON AIRPORT PUBLIC ENQUIRY [GATELEY-GHAM.FID70474]
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Dear Joanna

I write after reading the new Environmental Statement Addendum concerning the above application.

You will no doubt be aware that I have submitted numerous responses to previous consultations on this matter, all of which expressed my strong opposition to it. The new Environmental Statement document does nothing to change my views and I would, therefore, once again express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion scheme.

I have lived in Slip End for many years, but the effects of the airport had been increasing dramatically for several years, all of which I have documented previously in great detail. I appreciate that Covid led to a lull in aircraft operations but this hiatus has now very much ended.

As I have said I have set out my objections at great length in past submissions but I would like to specifically comment on two points raised in the Environmental Statement with which I profoundly disagree.

In section 4.4.4 of the Statement the definitions of those effected by the adverse noise created by aircraft movements are set out. There are 4 categories, none of which, conveniently, cover the noise and disruption

experienced by residents under the take off flight path. My property sits almost directly beneath this. I note that section 4.2.2. acknowledges that there will be increased disruption to communities like ours but goes no further. The report finds that the increase in noise disruption, both during the day and at night, should the expansion scheme proceed "would not be significant". On a personal note I wonder if the people who wrote these incredibly insensitive and wholly inaccurate statements have to turn off the radio, pause TV broadcasts, close windows even on hot days such as have recently been experienced, shout in their garden to make themselves heard, or had numerous nights sleep interrupted all because of the deafening noise from aircraft flying so low? Increasing aircraft movements will only serve to make a serious problem much, much worse. I note that the usual banal blandishments are proposed to counter this in the Noise Insulation Scheme Policy but this only boils down to installing with double glazing which is partial solution at best and one which is completely nullified in the summer months when windows need to be open and gardens cannot be enjoyed etc.

My other comments relate to section 4.6.2 Transport. Here the equally incredible statement "no likely significant cumulative transport effects are predicted". I found this simply astonishing. I understand that the public transport system is predicted to service the massive increase in passenger numbers proposed but I consider this to be, frankly naive. The DART system noted in 4.6.5 is a white elephant; in the years since its completion I nor anyone that I know have ever seen a

train on it. Given the problems associated with the system after completion, notably that trains jumped the tracks, do the reports authors really think that people would want to use it? In addition the local road network is stretched to breaking point without the increased volume of vehicles that would occur if the airport's expansion scheme is allowed to proceed. An example would be the crash that happened on the M1 northbound carriageway between Junctions 10 and 11 in June. This caused the motorway to be closed for c. 23 hours and created pandemonium on local roads. My wife's journey home from work in Batford to Slip End, usually between 15 and 20 minutes, to over 2 hours. The undoubted increase in traffic these plans proceed would no doubt condemn the local road network to such continuous delays which would be hugely amplified in the event of a a similar crash. This is to say nothing of the increased noise and pollution caused by increased vehicular traffic nor the increase in airport parking in our local streets (and my own parking space which has been used on multiple occasions). So much so that our local Parish Council is considering a residents only parking scheme to address the problem.

Finally I would, once again, like to express in the strongest terms my opposition to the expansion plans of Luton Airport.

Yours sincerely

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