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Dear Sir/Madam,

The application to expand the passenger throughput to 19mppa and variation of noise contours should be rejected.

Noise

The applicant cites several mitigations that would limit the effect of the expansion such as higher load factor and larger aircraft meaning less aircraft movements, also quieter aircraft however, all these improvements to the fleet are ongoing and will happen anyway even without an increase in passenger numbers to 19mppa. So these 'mitigations' should not be taken into account when considering this application; the improvements should be enjoyed by people living around the airport.

The noise nuisance of overflying aircraft at Hudnall Common at certain times of the day is almost continuous and any proposed increase in frequency is a bad idea for the residents in the areas affected by noise.

Net Zero

The expansion seems to offer no mitigation and no plan towards meeting the net zero requirement and will obviously make this more difficult to meet in the future even though the government has allowed some latitude for air travel. The carbon emissions of ground operations are mentioned, however, the emissions of the aircraft seem to be ignored. At least until a credible plan to deal with aircraft carbon emissions is presented there should be no expansion allowed. The airport cannot simply claim that the aircraft emissions are for someone else to worry about.

Yours,

Mr J. Le Neve Foster