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Joanna Vincent

Subject: Comments on Luton Airport Expansion - Amendments to CD1.18 Addendum to Environmental Statement

(July 2022)

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Dear Mrs Vincent,

I would like to make the following comments on the above document. I understand the closing date for receiving comments is the 19th August 2022.

I very much oppose the expansion of Luton Airport for the following reasons:.

I have lived in Wheathampstead for the last thirty seven years and it used to be a very pleasant quiet village to live. This has changed very much for the worse as Luton Airport has been rapidly expanded. We now get almost constant plane nose from the airport from 6am in the morning until gone midnight including some night flights - every day of the year. We get no respite all. We are affected by noise as the departure Easterly and Westerly flightpaths are routed over or very close to Wheathampstead. We get the planes flying low over our house when they are operating on both operations. As you can imagine having to bear with this constant noise intrusion is very damaging to my health and wellbeing. If I sit out in the garden in summer I get a constant stream of aircraft flying over from Luton Airport and it completely destroys any enjoyment of the being outside in the good weather. All year I have to sleep with my windows and double glazing shut and wear ear plugs so I can try to get some sleep.

I have complained many times to Luton Airport but they don't do anything and take no action. I haven't had a single reply from them for at least four months to any of my complaints. I have absolutely no faith in the senior management of Luton Airport. I consider they are incapable of operating the airport as it is at the moment let alone a hugely expanded airport with greatly increased passenger and plane numbers.

Luton Airport are undoubtedly causing huge environmental damage and noise pollution to all the towns and villages around the airport with the constant overflying. I recently visited Breachwood Green. It is a lovely little village but it has the misfortune of being right at the end of Luton Airport runway. When a plane took off the sound was absolutely ear shattering and the smell of pungent smell of kerosene was overwhelming. How anyone could possibly live with this on a regular basis every day and night day is too awful to think about. Unfortunately this is what Luton Airport does without giving a thought to local residents and what they are doing to them.

Luton Airport may have come up with a wonderful 'Green Growth Strategy' which is full of wonderful words but it will nil effect on the people living under or near the flightpaths such as Wheathampstead. The document is a complete fantasy and is not worth the paper it is written on. Planes flying low over residential areas will always cause noise and pollution and a 'Green Growth Strategy' means absolutely nothing and will not help us in the slightest.

On past experience Luton Airport will ignore any noise or environmental restrictions imposed on them. They have a very poor track record and they previously broke the night time noise limits for three years running that were part of the planning conditions imposed on them by Luton Borough Council as part of the planning agreement for allowing the airport to expand. This was very serious and it proves yet again that Luton airport cannot be trusted.

Luton Airport are responsible for making the lives a misery of a huge number of residents who live around the airport and blighting thousands of properties making them virtually unlivable.

If permission is granted to expand the airport it will make the everyday lives of all the residents who live around the airport even more unbearable. Please do not allow this to happen.

Mr Nigel Oxley