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Mrs Vincent

I am writing to comment on the current wish of Luton Borough Council to, **once again**, increase their revenue from the airport despite that airport having previously **ignored** existing noise and movement limits!

The non-technical summary makes great play on, and emphasises, their opinion that all types of increased noise, pollution, and effects on human health will be either **moderate or minimal**.

This is **NOT** in fact the case.

We own and live in a Park Home in Pepperstock which is **DIRECTLY** below the take-off flight path. All residents of the 90+ homes are elderly and mostly retired such that we are at home during days and nights. We moved here ten years ago when aircraft noise and traffic movements were far lower than currently so **today's noise and pollution** are very real and are now affecting our health.

Aircraft take off into the wind so most flights depart over our home. At peak holiday periods, aircraft are more heavily loaded and so **fly lower and emit more noise!** Our cars are parked in a sheltered spot which would not be affected by ground pollution but, nevertheless our car windows are covered each morning by an oily film which can only have come from departing aircraft.

In addition, we have to pause our television every time an aircraft flies over, even with our double-glazed windows and doors shut!

The government wishes everybody to **REDUCE OR ELIMINATE their carbon greenhouse gases**, but it seems that aircraft are not included in this wish! Money is more important! Because of the current energy crisis, and currently increasing inflation rates, it is becoming increasingly obvious (AND has been stated by Michael O'Leary of Ryanair) that cheap flight prices are a thing of the past and will not return for many years, if at all! This, therefore, negates the need for **ANY** airport expansion because Luton's airlines are exclusively low cost!

I suggest that the Minister **REFUSES ALL Planning Applications for Luton Airport**, at least until they can PROVE the need for more aircraft movements and higher passenger numbers. **I OBJECT TO ANY INCREASE in NOISE or PASSENGER NUMBERS for the reasons stated above**

As an example, there are 70 scheduled departures over a 12 hour period today - ie: 6 per hour! Who needs a bigger airport when the likes of Heathrow handle 12 an hour!

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