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Dear Mrs Vincent

Response to consultation on ES Addendum

London Luton Airport, Airport Way: Variation of Conditions 8 (passenger throughput cap), 10 (noise contours), 22 (car parking management), 24 (travel plan) and 28 (approved plans and documents) to Planning Permission 15/00950/VARCON (dated 13th October 2017) to accommodate 19 million passengers per annum and to amend the day and night noise contours.

I was surprised not to receive notification of this consultation from the airport, only learning of it by chance from a third party.

This ES Addendum is the fourth version that has been put to stakeholders for their consideration. Iteration is normally a good thing in a consultation process as it should lead to mutual understanding, respect and conciliation. However, in this case we are no further forward towards those lofty goals because we are still stuck in a quagmire of inaccuracy and obfuscation.

This Addendum is even more confusing, opaque and inaccessible than previous versions. The changed structure and section numbering means I'm not confident which is new material and which I should be cross-referencing with previous Statements and consultee submissions.

I am therefore unable to comment, and anticipate other consultees will be similarly baffled or make unavoidable errors in their analyses.

Please note that I have a Cambridge University Natural Sciences degree and an Open University Masters in Environment Policy and Society that included a dissertation on aircraft noise. I have been a member of the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee since 2006 and Chairman of the NGO Aviation Environment Federation since 2020. I should be able to work my way through an Environmental Statement with confidence; this Addendum is the first one ever that has failed me. It is not fit for purpose.

Kind Regards

Rachael Webb (Mrs)