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The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/B0230/V/22/3296455

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Application By	LONDON LUTON AIRPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED (LLAOL)
Site Address	London Luton Airport Airport Way Luton LU2 9LY Grid Ref Easting: 511908 Grid Ref Northing: 220942

SENDER DETAILS

Name	MRS CATHERINE TERNOUTH
Address	[redacted]

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Applicant
- ☐ Agent
- ☑ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☑ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I wish to strongly oppose the application by LLAOL to increase passenger capacity to 19 million and to increase the noise contour limits.

I previously made comments (25th January 2021) opposing this application but the confirmation of receipt stated that my comments had been "truncated". Since they were less than 2 x A4 pages in length, this is disturbing, and means I had no control over what was submitted. The comments below are made in addition to my original comments.

Noise disturbance
Since pandemic controls were relaxed, the noise disturbance from departing aircraft from Luton has reverted to its previous pre-pandemic levels. I live in the southerly part of Marshalswick, well away from the northern city edge of St Albans. Planes cross directly over this densely populated area from a westerly direction, often well south of the official RNAV route. The frequency of overflying planes increased significantly after the last increase in passenger capacity.

Repeating noise from planes in the early mornings wakes me up and there are noisy night flights, causing sleep disturbance. Plane noise from Luton flights removes much of the pleasure from my hobby, which is gardening, as the noise is so loud. You cannot hold a conversation outside whilst a plane is crossing over as they fly so low.

Despite many promises, the noise levels experienced from 'new' planes are actually no better than previously. The airport has repeatedly breached its noise contour conditions.

Environment
Aviation needs to contribute towards the Net Zero target. Approving this application would directly increase, rather than reduce, harmful emissions. It would give the wrong message in paving the way for Luton's ambitious plans to double passenger capacity in the future which have been the subject of recent consultation.

Transport links
There are particularly poor public transport links east/west in this area of Hertfordshire whilst this outer London area has been heavily further developed for housing. This has led to congestion in built up residential areas and decreasing air quality. Increased passenger numbers, using private vehicles to access the airport, would make this congestion and pollution far worse.