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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

Appeal Reference	APP/B0230/V/22/3296455
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	MR NIGEL TULLY MBE
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

The arguments against continued expansion of Luton airport, especially in an age of global warming, are well known, and my family suffers as much as anyone in & around Flamstead from the constant noise the airport causes, whether disturbing early morning sleep or during what would otherwise be a peaceful environment during the day. However I wish to concentrate on one particular aspect of the proposal : the appalling conflict of interest between Luton Council as the owner of the airport with an inbuilt bias in favour of expansion, and Luton Council as the planning authority which rules on whether planning applications are approved or not.

It is a demonstrable fact that the airport owner has broken its own undertakings on noise and number of flights and that the planning authority has not taken any action to fine it or to force it to meet its own undertakings - not surprising, the two bodies are the same !

Only the Covid pandemic has saved the airport from further breaching its planning conditions, and as we recover from the pandemic the airport expansion is back on track. But since those original conditions were set the world has woken up to global warming and the urgency of new actions to prevent catastrophe. It is crucial that this new proposal is examined by an independent body (so I welcome the secretary of state's decision to call it in) and that the examination takes full account of global warming and the commitments we made as a nation as part of COP 26.