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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 KATHERINE NESBITT
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 have lived in Harpenden pretty much all of my life and have mostly welcomed change. As a child I played outside in quiet streets and in local cornfields.
Granted with more housing the village has technically become a town, but it retains a rural setting and a village community feel. Living here, with nearby St. Albans, Redbourn, Wheathampstead, and all the other villages, makes me feel very fortunate.
Harpenden is blessed to adjoin so much countryside while simultaneously providing wonderful schools, opportunities and a wonderful quality of life for my family.
And yet with the threat of massive further development of Luton Airport from 18 to 32 million passengers, with expansion outside its perimeter to add a second terminal, more aircraft stands, more car parks and long-haul flights, we could end up with something like Gatwick just up the road.
It's vital that people realise the Luton Rising proposals would mean:
1) A 60% increase in flights overall, with flights between 11pm at night and 7am going up by 70%;
2) Planes taking off from 5 a.m. instead of 6 as at present;
3) Some 40,000 extra passengers per day getting to and from the airport the airport – just imagine the increased congestion and worsening air quality;
4) Wigmore Park – a County Wildlife site with rare species like orchids – voted Bedfordshire's favourite park in 2019 – is to be concreted over. Remember the Joni Mitchell song about 'paved paradise, put up a parking lot…'
5) I believe Luton is trying to expand now before limits are put on growth as future governments will have to act on Climate Change;
6) The expansion is unsustainable in every way. According to the United Nations 'sustainable development' means environmental, social and economic objectives should be realised together. This expansion would only benefit some people economically and socially, while making most of us worse off;
7) All the reasons we chose to live in Harpenden are being threatened by these expansion proposals – the town and surrounding area would never be the same again.
At school my children are learning about Climate Change and how their world will look in 20 years' time. It makes for sad and grim reading. We need to help them by making the right decisions now!
Nobody is trying to close the airport - we just want it to remain a relatively small regional airport and not almost double in size.