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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	MR DAVID SMITH
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 strongly oppose Luton Airport's application to increase passenger capacity to 19 million and to increase the noise contour limits. This application would result in continued irreversible damage to the following: local communities health and wellbeing, the environment through pollution that would accelerate climate change, local residential amenity, local surface transport by road and rail, local schools, hospitals, places of worship and other noise-sensitive sites.

Faced with an environmental climate emergency, as we all are, further expansion at Luton Airport cannot be justified at all. There must be urgent measures taken now to reduce the damage caused by this excessive expansion at Luton Airport. My own experience of Luton Airport's operations is that we have been constantly disturbed by low altitude noisy flights day and night for years. This is affecting our health due to stress, anxiety and loss of sleep, especially during hot weather when we have to open windows at night. We cannot even enjoy our small garden during the day due to the noise and regular disturbance of aircraft overhead. I have regularly notified the airport's noise department about a large number of flights that are off-track and not adhering to the noise preferential routes (NPR), however no notice has been taken about my complaints at all. On top of this, Luton Airport have continued to breach condition 10 of planning permission 15/00950/VARCON, with apparent impunity, and I have previously submitted comments on the Luton Planning Portal on this matter. These comments are in addition to these.

I would question whether there is a conflict of interest with Luton Borough Council being the planning authority and benefiting from the airport as they do. I believe the whole operation and excessive growth of this airport is driven by financial gain rather than reasonable, planned and sustainable growth, that takes notice of the detrimental impact such growth has on local communities, wildlife and the environment. Luton Airport have consistently attempted to portray themselves as 'good neighbours', the truth is that they are shown by their actions to be anything but good-neighbours!
May I please request that the Planning Inspectorate reject this application.