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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 ROGER PAYNE
Address	[redacted]
Company/Group/Organisation Name	Mr Roger & Mrs Lynn Payne

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 this application. Flights from the airport have caused unacceptable levels of noise over Harpenden, not only during the daytime but also during late evening and night. The airport has not worked with the agreed noise limits, nor has it kept the flights to agreed flight paths which would have kept them mainly over open country. It has shown itself to be untrustworthy, and to have little concern for the quality of life of its neighbours. The situation improved during COVID due to travel restrictions. However, the current application would not merely return to the (unacceptable) pre-COVID situation, but would make it very much worse. Also, the passenger traffic to and from the airport has caused unacceptable congestion on local roads and rail services, and this new application would make that bad situation worse too.

There are issues concerning the climate crisis to consider. The UK has agreed to limit emissions, and that cannot happen if we agree to increase the airport's capacity in this way. We should be making fewer flights and, for example, encouraging the use of the railways instead of air flights for travel, especially within the UK.

The airport's comments about the benefits to the local economy are spurious. There are few extra jobs and, by encouraging holidays abroad, it actually takes jobs and prosperity out of the UK.

I therefore request this application be rejected.