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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	DR WILLIAM WALKER
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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 am very concerned about the rapid growth of Luton airport. There is significant noise from aircraft taking off and landing and sometimes there is a constant stream of such aircraft. There also seems to be an increase in night flights the noise of which disturbs our sleep. The growth in passenger numbers is also overstretching the local roads and railways and disrupting journey times including journeys not directly to or from the airport.

I am also very concerned about the environmental impact of flights in general and have done what I can to reduce my own flying.

Expansion of the airport so far (growth in passenger numbers) has happened much faster than promised. In a previous review of expansion plans we were told that the growth in numbers of passengers and flights would be offset by advances in aircraft technology which would make aircraft quieter and more fuel efficient. However passenger numbers have grown quicker than we were told to expect, reaching the forecast limit 9 years early, but the promised technology improvements did not arrive 9 years early. The new plans to increase the passenger numbers and noise further are not consistent with arguments presented previously and we should at least wait for technology to catch up before considering any further expansion. It feels as if the airport's operator is solely concerned with short-term profit with little regard for the local community or the environment.

This is why I oppose the application to increase passenger capacity to 19 million and to increase the noise contour limits. Note, I believe I have already submitted comments on the Luton Planning Portal for this particular application and those comments still stand.