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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 JOHN 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 am deeply concerned about the proposed expansion of Luton Airport. It is a self-serving and downright selfish scheme that has no consideration for the surrounding areas and the environment.

The traffic on the M1 will be severely affected. It is busy enough now and not just at peak times. Junction 10 of the M1 produces major hold-ups now and, with additional traffic, the situation will be chaotic.

If there is an accident or other hold-up on the M1, the extra traffic through St Albans and Harpenden causes major problems. It will be much worse with increased volumes of traffic and some will come through St Albans and Harpenden anyway to avoid the M1 and potential delays.

Thameslink trains are packed out now and with additional housing planned up the line in Harlington, Flitwick and Bedford, plus additional housing in Redbourn, Wheathampstead, St Albans and Harpenden, I foresee significant problems with severe overcrowding. The last thing that regular, daily commuters want, who pay a great deal of money for their season tickets, are carriages clogged up with Luton airport passengers and their luggage. There is limited space for luggage on these trains. The DART system will mean even more overcrowding on the trains, it is not sustainable. Any delays or cancellations on Thameslink and there will be mayhem. They are relying far too much on Thameslink.

There will be additional pollution in the air - where will that land? Don't forget the effect of wind-drift.

As a nation, we have a commitment to reduce global warming and reduce significantly pollutants in the atmosphere. A reduction in air traffic is necessary, so how does this expansion support that? They say that the project will "minimise the environmental impact" which is an admission that there will be an environmental impact. They will never be able to confirm nor guarantee what that impact will be and any impact is not welcome and against Government policy on global warming and the environment. See the article in The Guardian - the link is here:
https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/may/21/expansion-of-english-airports-could-threaten-climate-commitments-report?msclkid=acf18de5cfb411ec8422d4426dd55740

There will be additional noise generated irrespective of what type of aircraft are used.

The road system into and around Luton will be severely affected - the road to and from the airport cannot cope now.