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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

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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 strongly oppose these plans because:
Further expansion would increase UK and global aviation emissions and further accelerate global warming which will affect every person and all living animals on our planet now and future generations.

The World's leading scientific experts and political leaders (including the UK) agreed at COP 26 have agreed that emissions urgently need be reduced due to avoid a climate change catastrophe.
- and that we need to start now. Does Luton Airport (and any other airport in the UK or the World for that matter) have the right to jeopardize the lives of every living thing on our planet because of their own self centred commercial interests?
Luton Airport does not have the right to wilfully damage my future and my children's future in this way.

Luton's roads are already very congested. Luton suffers suffers from significant levels of air pollution from motor traffic -some of the worst in the UK.
The problem is getting worse and has been for many years. This application would result in many more journeys to and from the airport by leisure and commercial vehicles
The M1 is always clogged busy, slow and at full capacity around Luton and passengers drive from all over the UK to fly from there.
Roads going east/west are too small and totally inadequate for the increased level of motor traffic which this further expansion would result in.

Further expansion would have a very significant detrimental noise impact on my local environment in North St Albans and Hertfordshire in general.
Since 2013 there has been uncontrolled and rapid growth at Luton Airport which has already had a considerable negative noise impact on my area.
Residents were promised effective noise mitigation in 2013 in the last expansion but instead the airport ignored its own noise controls for 3 years running and then applied to relax the restrictions so it can continue to flout them going forward.

The business case has not been made for further expansion - instead Luton Airport's proposals relies heavily on outmoded and completely out of date and bogus assumptions that do not reflect the World's current technological, economic and geo-political situation during a period of rapid social and and behavioural changes.

There has a been a complete lack of accountability and democratic scrutiny regarding the eye watering amounts of public money spent on the Expansion DCO with virtually all decisions made behind closed doors.
A clear majority of people clearly indicated in Luton Airport's non-statutory consultation they want no more expansion and they also want you to reduce noise like you promised in 2013.

Luton Council who own Luton Airport would have much greater financial resilience without the need to go cap in hand to the Government for massive bail outs - and it would serve its residents and council tax payers much much better if they concentrated on diversifying their local economy into truly green technology and long term sustainable jobs rather than gambling huge amounts of tax payer's money on the obviously extremely risky white elephant that is Luton Airport Expansion.
Luton urgently needs to move away from "green washed", old, out of date, risky carbon-guzzling centric jobs.
and the surrounding area based on truly sustainable technologies, rather than claiming that airport expansion which adds 60% more flights and 40,000 more passenger journeys per day is somehow sustainable for the long term. Training and skills-development in the areas of emissions reduction for local homes, more efficient batteries for cars and commercial vehicles, and better uptake of renewable energy would be more beneficial to the students of today.

Siting a large international airport on top of a hill which has a shorter than average runway and then attempting to vastly expand it is a very poor planning decision.

I am very concerned about the very poor east to west connections to the airport. Having read the current consultation, there is still no clarity on Luton Airport's transport strategy.
The justifications for a substantial shift by the general public to travel to and from the airport via public transport are not in any way credible. There is no compelling evidence given - just fanciful claims in this consultation.
Getting to Luton Airport via the Lower Luton Road or the A1081 was already very painful and time consuming in 2019 (before Covid).
This consultation ignores the justified concerns of council tax-paying residents regarding rat-runs and anti-social parking near to the airport. All these issues are currently evident and getting worse and will be magnified by a further large expansion.

Passenger numbers cannot be controlled by the owners of Luton Airport and long term Government forecasts are inheritantly unreliable. Air travel demand forecasts urgently need revision given that governments all around the World need to reduce
emissions and to start doing that now. The current turbulent, and fast spiralling oil prices and inflation, vefry uncertain outlook mean that it is more than probable that the predicted increase in demand stated in this consultation will not materialise.

Relying on out of date long term Government forecasts of continual and substantial aviation expansion make no sense and is frankly reckless given that the World faces an imminent global climate change crisis.
The expansion would be very damaging to the environment, local quality of life and well-being in ways which are not justified nor offset by the proposed mitigations.

The noise impacts would thousands more people into the “adversely affected” category. Numbers of flights would increase significantly, starting at 5am and running on until the small hours, with 70% more flights between 11pm – 7am. Noise disturbance at night is known to harm health, and the flight paths when at their noisiest closest to the airport cannot avoid local communities such as Caddington, Slip End, South Luton, Breachwood Green, St Paul’s Walden, and Stevenage. These impacts are not mitigated by offers of noise insulation to those closest. Noise from the flights affects a wide area, and departing aircraft are often held low as far as Welwyn due to out of date airspace.

Adding more aircraft movements would add a huge amount of carbon emissions to the UK's carbon budget.
The aspirations of the new electric plane technology and zero emissions flight stated in this consultation are not in any way proven for the kind of large passenger carrying aircraft - and are in many case many, many years away - decades at best even if viable.
No timescales are given in this consultation for introduction by airlines operating out of Luton Airport.

The Committee on Climate Change and IPCC have recommended reductions in aviation growth in order to achieve net zero. How can the proposed
capacity growth demonstrate “Green Controlled Growth”?
The proposals simply mean that when particular thresholds set by Luton Rising have been achieved, further development to facilitate further growth would occur.
"Controlled"? By whom? There has been absolutely no independent control of any of their phases of expansion - it's just a project plan for continued expansion.
It is a matter of historical fact that Luton Airport and its owners repeatedly took no notice of project plan and legal planning controls related to their current expansion in the period between 2013and 2022
So, why should anyone believe Luton Airport and its owner's promises and plans?

Creating an increase in, let alone a huge increase in emissions cannot be described in any way "green". This huge amount of growth is contrary to the advice of experts and scientists and reckless. There is only one conclusion "Green Controlled Growth" is total "Green Wash".

Residents in North St Albans will get no compensation at all and will have no possibility of recovering noise insulation costs in this scheme.
They will get no financial compensation if they are forced to move house because of the growing blight

and adverse effects on their health and well because of the frequent intrusive noise from Luton Airport's operations.

Residents here have already suffered a huge loss in quality of life and well being and health due to your last expansion. Enough is enough.

You can't ever noise insulate your front and back gardens and noise insulation doesn't solve the issue of not being able to open your windows during hot nights in the summer months.
I don't live anywhere near Luton Airport but since your last 2013 expansion I now suffer frequent very loud, long lasting noise disturbance day and night every day of the year and visual intrusion of large passengers jets flying close to or over my house.