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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	MS LESLEY SMART
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 the expansion plans for Luton Airport for the following reasons.

My opposition to airport expansion has not changed since the last set of proposals.

The airport has already reached 18 million passengers a year, well in advance of the original propose date for such an expansion. Rising oil prices and inflation are likely to reduce demand for flights as people’s disposable incomes diminish.

With a further expansion, we will suffer increased aircraft noise, particularly at night, which will not be mitigated by quieter planes as they don't exist.

Noise and air pollution from increased numbers of flights and motor vehicle journeys will negatively impact the health and well-being of local people.

The capacity of local roads and infrastructure are insufficient to support the increase in airport traffic.

Wigmore Park should not be destroyed as it is an essential open space acting as a buffer between the airport and local housing. It contains mature trees, hedgerows and orchids. The proposed establishment of a replacement park further away on neighbouring arable land is not an adequate recompense to the community or the local ecology. Agricultural farmland must be preserved for food production.

We need to reduce all emissions that contribute towards global warming if we are to prevent catastrophic and irreversible climate change.

Increasing aviation emissions at this time is against all expert advice and government must act to prevent it. Luton Council alone should not be able to make and approve such a critical proposal.