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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

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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	MR RICHARD STUBBS
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 object to this application by Luton Airport to increase passenger numbers to 19 million a year and relax day and night noise contours.
1. It would be damaging to local quality of life and the health of many communities.
For example, people living in Sandridge and Jersey Farm and the whole of north St Albans have been subjected to dreadful levels of noise pollution by Luton Airport, reaching a peak in 2019, even though we are some 14 miles from the end of the runway. It is no longer a pleasant place to live thanks to Luton airport and its constant drive for more profit. When can we enjoy our gardens or get an uninterrupted night's sleep?
The airport has promised to deliver mitigation measures to protect 'residential amenity'. Quieter planes, higher flights, alternative routes. It has delivered nothing whatever. Instead, it plans yet more growth and larger planes which can only make our situation even worse. Flights continue to be kept low, we are told because of conflict with flights from other airports, nothing has been done to address this issue. Subjecting large numbers of people to regular loud noise is not just highly disturbing and disruptive of normal life, it is a well-documented serious health hazard.
2. It ignores the climate emergency and global warming
LBC has declared a climate emergency. How can growth at its airport possibly be compatible with this? Extra flights, larger planes, more journeys to and from the airport, all generating more pollution and contributing to global warming and climate change.
3. It would have serious effects on local transport infrastructure. More growth at the airport means more congestion and strain on an already overcrowded transport system in Hertfordshire. The north/south links are mainly already heavily used commuter links and east/west routes are poorly developed.
4. Conflict of interest
Most people are highly suspicious of the glaring conflict of interest between LBC as planning authority and LBC as airport owners and financial beneficiaries. The airport has broken its planning conditions for noise for years and nothing has been done by the authority to enforce them.
Luton Borough Council has shown itself quite happy to disregard the quality of life of its neighbours, to damage to the local environment and ignore the climate emergency.