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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	MRS JULIA TWELFTREE
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

During the months of May - September increase noise affects and disturbs us during the night especially during the warmer months when windows are open - post covid it's now climbing back to increased levels and my concerns are will more air traffic and larger planes this will affect more residents and cause further disruption. One of the best things about covid was that no planes flying overhead reduced noise and reduced air pollution - why would we want to risk the environment now when we should be doing everything to protect it. With larger planes brings larger aviation emissions, and that each step upwards takes us in the wrong direction. I understand that the current application contravenes the Luton Local Plan, and government policy, which require noise to be reduced, not increased, over time.

I understand that we endured more noise than is permitted for 3 years in a row as of 2017. The Airport knew what its planning conditions were, yet mismanaged its operation and grew too quickly without reducing the noise, stopped only by Covid. Also the council promised the Airport's jobs and economic benefits were routinely overstated, particularly since Luton's business is mostly low-cost leisure flights which take money out of the UK economy to be spent abroad.

At present Luton airport during the summer months is mis-managed, and over-stretched, it cannot cope with the capacity of flights now, let alone those if the airport were to expand again. The surrounding areas are routinely gridlocked and the idea of increased passenger numbers, traffic etc - it is not fit for purpose even though the council have been trying to get it right for years - to date they have failed.

Finally for the council to run an airport is totally un-realistic and un-ethical. Luton at present although not fit for purpose, is a good local regional airport servicing the south east tourist/business industry. To open it up to transatlantic planes and passenger numbers is totally unfathomable. The surrounding areas are fed up with increased traffic and disruption while the airport has been under transformation for years, to increase passenger numbers now would cause another 10 years of disruption let alone the pollution and misery. The areas infrastructure is broken and needs fixing before any airport. For instance waiting 7 hours at A&E at Luton and Dunstable should be the council’s priority not expanding an airport they cannot manage or run efficiently.

I look to you to reject the application, look to alternative options or build a new purpose built airport for larger planes off shore or in an area that is not over congested already – do not bolt on and over expand what we have, have we learnt nothing from years of hospital and school buildings that have expanded and over expanded their original capacity and are now thus not fit for purpose. Build new, well thought purposeful and environmentally friendly airports for the future.