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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 ROBIN KING
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 write to confirm my opposition to the application for Luton Airport to increase passenger capacity to 19 million and to increase the noise contour limits and would further request the Planning Inspectorate to reject it.
Living in Breachwood green, we are subject to both noise and air pollution. At it's peak noise levels, prior to Covid, we were disturbed by day having to stop conversation as aircraft were taking off, making listening to radio or television at times pointless. At night we were woken at various times as departures and arrivals stretched further into the hours of darkness. As airport activity is now getting back toward pre-Covid levels, we are again facing excessive and disruptive noise....our house is well insulated and we have double glazing throughout, but cannot keep out the noise and being able to leave bedroom windows open during the night is foolish! Sleep deprivation is a serious threat to physical and mental well being.
I question how the airport had been able to press forward with it's expansion plans when it knew only too well what the limits were, together for being in contravention to both local and government plans requiring noise levels to be reduced.....not increased.
With the effects of climate change becoming urgently more threatening, how can such wanton airport expansion even be considered. The effects of pollution are only too apparent within our village and the surrounding countryside; the cloying stench of aviation fuel on certain mornings is certainly not a benefit to health.
I would further question the basis of the business plan upon which the application was based. With a weighting towards Eastern European destinations and and airlines, post-Brexit it is immediately flawed in it's projection and as previously mentioned the global attitude to climate issues will certainly be at variance
with passenger demand. The economic benefits and local employment have also been continually overstated in order to falsely curry local favour and to even suggest that people deserve access to cheap air travel is preposterous given the availability of seats at such low prices that a return ticket to a European destination can be cheaper than the cost of a train from Luton to London.
I sincerely hope common sense will prevail.