

Having moved to South Luton approx. 40 years ago, aside from a few years living overseas, I have lived here for the rest of the time.

I take a keen interest in aircraft and am certainly not adverse to the airport on the doorstep which I use for work – to Scotland and Ireland.

Over these decades though, the air pollution (and noise pollution) have become almost unbearable.

There appears to be no time during the day and night now where we are not subjected to intense noise and filthy air quality.

Mixing this with the traffic from the M1 makes for a poor standard of living.

During the hot summer when a normal person might wish to sit in their garden, you simply cannot due to the level of noise and of course the stench of aviation fuel. Plus the weird after noise as the aeroplane has gone over. I assume they dump fuel on landing too?

Our homes, windows, garden ponds and cars are always covered with a thin layer of black soot like substances.

When an aircraft drifts out of the designated swathe, it is pointless reporting it as the airport simply say it was not outside of it. I measure this by strategic points in the garden, trees and my home. We cannot all be wrong.

I wonder what the future of air travel will be? When one looks at the UK Government's own green agenda, what is the point in expanding Luton Airport? This industry creates huge levels of pollution.

It appears as an outsider looking in to be rather odd that the council can agree/disagree on any planning application given they own the Airport.

I understand there is to be a development at Wigmore with over 2000 new homes. Put the traffic this will bring together with airport

traffic and that is a recipe for gridlock. The roads are at bursting point already in Luton. More pollution.

We have many travellers who park their cars outside our homes and go to the airport. This is not acceptable when there are perfectly good car parks they can use.

Perhaps the runway could be realigned into Hertfordshire so the swathe moves away from Luton South.

In a nutshell, I believe this expansion plan is over the top. Undesirable and is costing the people of Luton too much.

Let's face it. No-one outside of Luton is clamouring to live here because there is an airport! What tangibly does the airport financially bring to Luton town these days?

Lastly, it irks me that when meetings are planned for airport expansion talks, there are rarely, if ever, any in South Luton. We together with Breachwood Green are the most affected areas.

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