

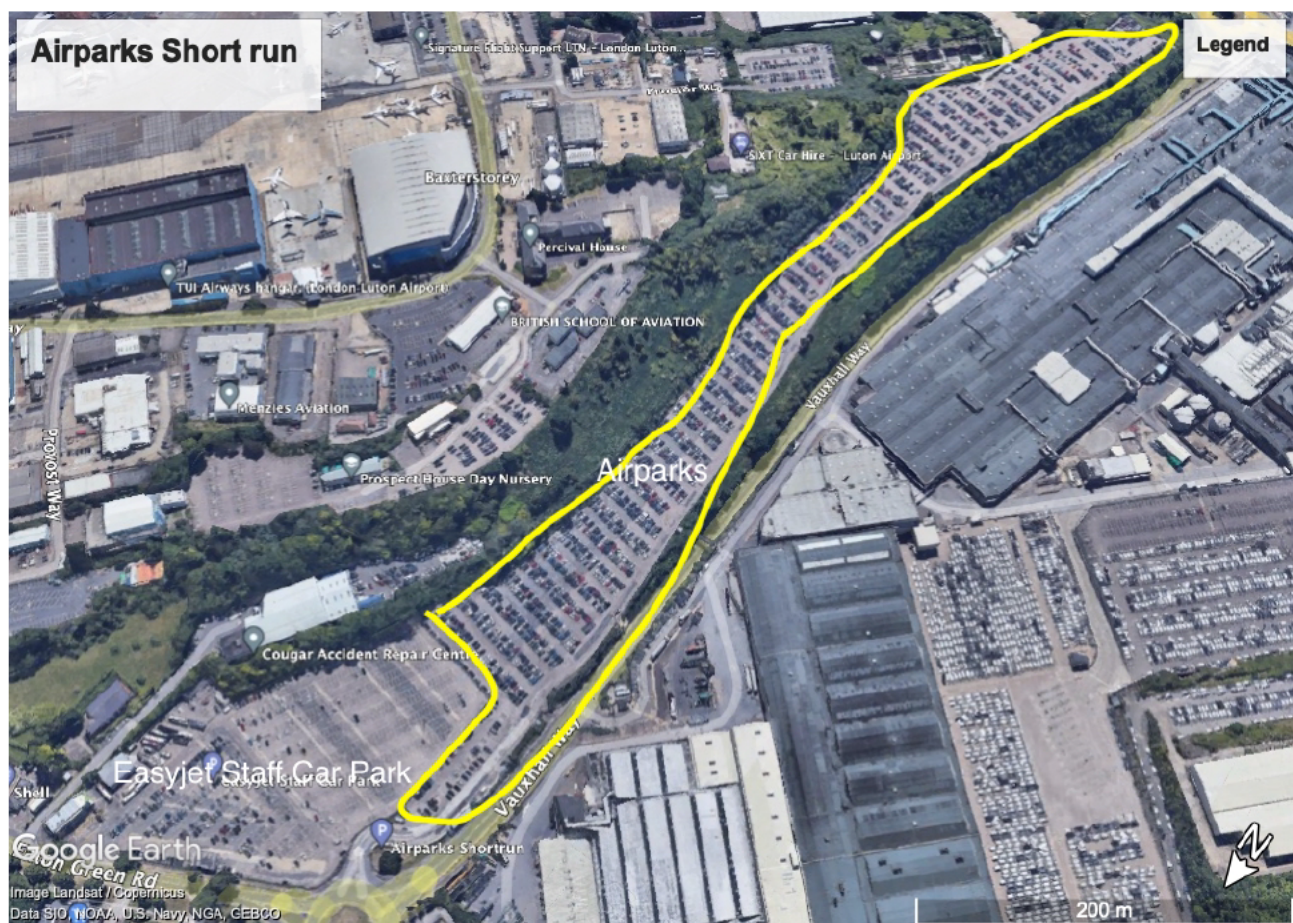
13th November 2022

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I've been following the Luton Airport planning inquiry via live feed and feel there is a need to raise a complaint regarding the evidence given by Mr. David Gurtler, LPA planning witness, on the 10/11/2022.

On the live feed at 1:32.30 of the pm session, on the above date, Inspector Holden asked Mr. Gurtler a question specifically regarding off airport related parking. His responses were vague and in my opinion deliberately misleads the inquiry.

On the same parcel of land as the Easyjet staff car park that Mr. Gurtler mentions, lies the former Vauxhall employee car park. This is key employment land according to the policies map. The car park has a capacity of 2000+ vehicles, is always full and has been operated as off airport parking (currently by Airparks), since Vauxhall vacated the site approximately 6 years ago. No planning consent has been sought/gained and no enforcement action has been taken. In fact the contrary is apparent. This car park runs a shuttle bus to its own dedicated bus stop within the Central Terminal Area. This could be considered help from the airport operator,



Mr. Gurtler also refers to how closely he works with Central Bedfordshire Council, yet fails to mention Airparks parking facility located at Slip End. This has a capacity of 4000+ vehicles, and again is always full and has been in operation for 20+ years.



These are huge car parks with a combined parking capacity on a par with the long/mid term capacity at the airport. They cannot be missed or forgotten, but they could be considered to undermine the airports car park management plan, as well as the surface access strategy. Also, the major airlines operating from the airport actively promote and sell what they call, “cheap airport parking” at these 2 sites via their flight booking engines.

Yours faithfully
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