

21st August 2023

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I would like to express my objection to the Luton Airport expansion proposals.

The increase in flights arising from the expansion will bring an unimaginable amount of aircraft noise which is already very bad, having significantly worsened over the last year already. The increase in noise during both daytime and night-time will dramatically reduce quality of life and will no doubt take its toll on the mental health of those in the area, stretching the resources of the NHS, a hidden impact with far reaching consequences.

The environmental aspect is also very worrying. At a time when everyone is encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint in order to reduce global warming, this expansion is encouraging increased air travel, with a significantly negative impact on the environment.

Air quality in the area is already poor, and this will make things worse, costing the NHS a fortune in dealing with respiratory issues, again while maximising profits for the airport.

The era of clean, quiet air travel is not yet with us and will not be for the foreseeable future. It would be better to invest in sorting out the issues of air pollution and noise before planning any expansion of air traveller numbers.

The M1 is often extremely busy and virtually at a standstill at peak times. When at a standstill, the entire area can be gridlocked, with increased traffic going via Hemel Hempstead and Redbourn, which gridlocks the entire area. Hoping that travellers will use public transport is absolute wishful thinking. The proposals do nothing to resolve these issues and will only make them worse.

In summary, this is just so wrong from so many perspectives. Please could you reject the proposals.

Thank you.

Mrs J Oliver