

I note that over 90% of the RR's oppose the application. People living in the areas surrounding the airport, both near and further away, have provided ample evidence of the negative impact of the airport operations on their lives and those living in their communities. They point to the often inadequate response from the airport operator to complaints. They don't see these addressed in the proposals despite the consultations that have taken place. The minority supporting the application highlight loss of their funding from the airport and whilst acknowledging the environmental and noise concerns believe these are secondary to the touted community benefits. I don't think any of the people who oppose expansion want to see the airport fail but believe that the best way of securing the income that LR wants to provide to LBC and local communities is through improving the airport at the current level of 18m passengers. The ill conceived plans of massive further expensive expansion, with their inherent financial risks which could threaten the funds available for distribution, on top of the noise and other environmental concerns, should be refused.