

We are strongly opposed to the proposed expansion of LLA and are thankful that this Planning Inquiry enables our voice to be heard. I live with my husband and two children in the thriving, rural village of Wheathampstead, approx 5 miles from LLA. We have lived here for 17 years, during which time we have experienced a massive increase in aircraft disturbance from LLA.

We are hugely concerned about any expansion proposal that would lead to an increase in noise emanating from aircraft taking off, landing and on the ground, the vast majority of which can be heard from our home (even indoors the doors and windows shut).

We do not accept that the quality of life for us and many thousands of other people should be compromised, especially when LLA cannot deliver on promises made when previous expansion applications were granted (eg expansion to 18mil over 15 years to enable fleet modernisation / quieter new generation aircraft. Clearly this didn't happen because the planes flying over our village are ridiculously loud).

Aside from our huge concerns about the increase in noise disturbance for us and generations to come, please carefully consider the inevitable climate damage caused by emission of pollutants at high altitude; emissions from ground vehicles on local air quality, traffic congestion and road safety on the Lower Luton Road (a rural B road) through Wheathampstead, plus the waste generation of millions more people passing through the airport each year.

We respectfully urge you to reject this application