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Luton Airpo

Subject: Objection to Luton Airport Expansion and Airspace Changes

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Dear Chris Hinchliffe MP,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong objections to the proposed Luton Airport expansion and the related airspace changes under review. I believe these plans, if approved, will have significant negative impacts on our community and the environment.

My key concerns are as follows:

- Timing of the Consultation: Holding such a crucial consultation during the peak
  holiday season is inappropriate. It limits the ability of residents and stakeholders to
  provide meaningful input.
- 2. Misaligned Deadlines: The mismatch in consultation deadlines (September 6th for the DCO Planning Application and September 11th for the AD6 Airspace Design Consultation) raises serious concerns. Decisions on infrastructure should not be made before fully evaluating the airspace design, which could compromise safety and the integrity of the process.
- Poor Performance Metrics: Luton Airport is already the worst-performing London airport in terms of noise pollution and environmental impact, according to Eurocontrol data. Expanding the airport without addressing these issues is irresponsible.
- 4. **Impact on Local Communities:** Residents in Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, and Bedfordshire are already experiencing severe disruption due to the current AD6 airspace design. These issues should be resolved before any expansion is considered.
- 5. **Tactical Airspace Behaviors:** There are growing concerns about the current airspace management, including flights operating at all hours, often just minutes apart. Increasing arrivals under these conditions is unacceptable.
- 6. Infrastructure and Airspace Are Inseparable: The airspace must be proven safe and effective before any decisions on infrastructure are made. The current separation of these reviews is misguided and potentially dangerous.

I urge you to advocate for a thorough review of these plans, ensuring that both the airspace and infrastructure are safe and suitable for our communities. I also request that the Planning Inspectorate carefully considers the RELAS report, which highlights significant issues with the current airspace design.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I trust you will represent the best interests of our community in opposing these ill-timed and poorly planned proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Ricky Moore.