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Dear Planning Group,

I am writing to formally express my strong objection to any planned expansion of Luton Airport.

The environmental implications of such an expansion are profoundly concerning. Despite hopes for achieving net-zero aviation, the Royal Society has confirmed that no viable alternatives to fossil fuels are currently in development for the aviation industry. Expanding an already damaging sector during a climate emergency not only contradicts urgent global climate commitments but also embodies the very definition of folly—continuing harmful practices while expecting different outcomes.

On a local level, residents are already grappling with significant disruptions from existing traffic and flight patterns. Further increasing these levels would be both irresponsible and unkind to those who are already suffering the consequences. It is essential to consider the well-being of our community, which deserves peace and a healthy living environment.

Financially, the expansion would disproportionately benefit a select few while exacerbating inequalities for those at the lower end of the economic spectrum. It represents a troubling example of late-stage capitalism, where wealth is further concentrated among the affluent, while local residents face increased noise and pollution.

Having lived most of my life in close proximity to Luton Airport, I had hoped that my recent move would allow me to escape the disturbances associated with its operations. Unfortunately, with the introduction of the AD6 flight path, my home has been subjected to a new wave of aircraft noise, disrupting the tranquility of what was once a quiet rural area. This imposition has occurred without any recourse or compensation for those affected, and it is imperative that we do not exacerbate this situation further.

I urge the planning group to reconsider any plans for expansion and to prioritize the health, well-being, and voices of the community over short-term economic gains. The future of our environment and our quality of life depend on making responsible and sustainable choices today.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Sincerely, Beatrice Padurean