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**Subject:** Re: The proposed expansion of Luton Airport

Dear Lady Taylor,

Firstly, many congratulations on your recent electoral success and I hope that you and your colleagues are able to implement the changes necessary in the country.

I hope you do not mind me writing to you out of the blue, but it is your role as the Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Housing, Communities, and Local Government), and, previously, Shadow Spokesperson (Levelling Up, Housing, Communities, and Local Government) and Shadow Spokesperson (Transport) that is the reason for me contacting you.

As I am sure you are aware, there is, currently, a proposal for Luton Airport to expand from 18 million passengers a year to 32 million. There was an Examination Process that lasted from August last year to February this year and the Examining Authority completed their report, with recommendations, and submitted it to the Government in May. I attended many of the Hearings in Luton as a private citizen and resident of Harpenden, including all of those on Traffic and Transport. I raised many objections to the proposal, both verbally at the Hearings and in writing, pointing out the damaging impact that the expansion would have on Harpenden and the surrounding areas, which would include Stevenage.

The decision is now expected to be made by the 4th October, by the Secretary of State for Transport (Louise Haigh), and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (Angela Rayner), now the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. I have no idea what the Labour Party policy is on airport expansion and air travel in general, as I could not see anything about it in the Labour Party manifesto. So, I am writing to ask what your position is on this proposal and hope that you are strongly against it, both on party policy grounds and also on local grounds, for Stevenage, Harpenden and Hertfordshire, and, if so, if you could have a word with Louise and Angela?

It is important to point out that the Labour Party now refer to "Levelling Up" as a gimmick, which is interesting as the Luton Airport Authority and Luton Rising used that as a major factor of their proposal.

I am sure that you saw this in the press last week, which I think is disgraceful behaviour and also devious.

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Even the BBC covered it!

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With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

John.

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