

Louise Haigh MP
Secretary of State for Transport

27th November 2024

Dear Louise Haigh

Re: Opposition raised by North Herts Council to the development consent order for London Luton Airport expansion.

I am writing to you on behalf of North Herts Council as the Leader of the Council, following a motion of its Full Council in September, to express our strong opposition to the development consent order (DCO) for the expansion of London Luton airport. Our Council remains firmly opposed to any further expansion of the airport and we urge the Government not to grant this consent.

The proposed expansion poses significant concerns for the residents and communities of North Hertfordshire. We believe that the increase in passenger numbers and air traffic will lead to considerable adverse impacts, including increased noise pollution, air quality deterioration, and greater pressure on local infrastructure. The scale of the proposed development is such that it will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life that our residents, as well as on the environment and public health.

North Herts Council continues to hold the view that no conditions could be applied to the current application that would sufficiently mitigate these impacts and make the proposal acceptable. The fundamental concerns associated with the expansion cannot be addressed through adjournments or additional conditions; therefore we urge you to reject the application in its entirety.

Opposition reflects the deep seated concerns of our communities, who have voiced strong opposition to this proposal. We ask that their concerns are given full consideration in your decision making process.

We remain committed to engaging constructively on matters of regional development and infrastructure, but in this case we believe that any further expansion of London Luton Airport is simply untenable for the residents of North Hertfordshire and the wider region.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter. We trust that the long term interests of our communities will be taken into account when making this decision.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Daniel Allen
Leader of the Council