

12th December 2024

Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
London
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Dear Chancellor of the Exchequer

Re: Support from businesses for London Luton Airport's DCO application

On behalf of the Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce (BCC) and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), we wish to co-submit an Open Letter asking the Government to approve London Luton Airport's DCO application for expansion. The DCO is due for a decision from the Secretary of State for Transport by 3rd January 2025.

BCC and LCCI support businesses to grow and prosper in the UK and abroad, representing over 750 businesses in the Bedfordshire area and over 10,000 businesses in London respectively. The contribution of aviation to the local and UK economy is hard to ignore and, as a recent poll by Savanta has highlighted, 83% of London businesses agree that air connectivity is important to London's global competitiveness.

We enclose a copy of the Open Letter, and a list of the businesses who have signed it.

London Luton Airport's expansion proposals will boost UK plc and support the Government's ambitions for national renewal in three significant ways:

1. **Driving the biggest local job creation programme in a generation:** Airport expansion offers Luton an unmatched opportunity for new jobs, economic growth and higher living standards.
2. **A uniquely sustainable approach:** A unique and ground-breaking initiative called the Green Controlled Growth framework (GCG) introduces legally enforceable maximum limits for the airport's noise, greenhouse gases, air quality and surface access impacts.
3. **The UK's most socially impactful airport:** London Luton Airport is the UK's most socially impactful airport, with over £300 million provided to support important Council front-line services since 1998, together with an additional £180 million for vital voluntary, community and charitable organisations. This is 20 times more per passenger per annum than any other UK airport.

Luton is located at the heart of the Golden Triangle of London, Oxford and Cambridge, a place where growth, community investment and highly-skilled job creation is happening at scale. Approval of London Luton Airport's DCO application will help support the delivery of other major regional

projects, such as the East West Railway line and the proposed Universal Studios park near Bedford. The planned theme park could become one of the highest-attended attractions in the UK and, to handle this number of visitors, Bedford and the surrounding regions must have the critical infrastructure required to support it.

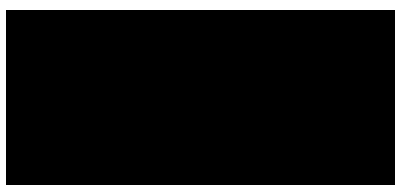
The attached Open Letter was signed by 139 business organisations keen to see Luton Rising's investment brought forward in the airport, and the benefits realised in the local and regional economy.

More recently, Luton has received the news about the proposed Stellantis plant closure, which would involve the potential loss of 1,200 direct jobs and knock-on repercussions within the wider supply chain.

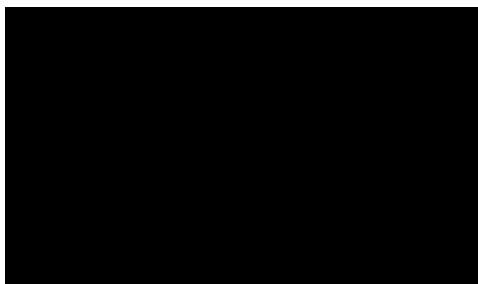
Nothing could alleviate those impacts, or replace the jobs currently at risk; nonetheless, we believe there is now added urgency for decisive action to support economic and employment growth within Luton, the surrounding region, and indeed the wider UK, as set out within the Government's Industrial Strategy.

We urge the Government consider the strong support from the national and local business communities when making a decision.

Kind regards



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Dear Chancellor of the Exchequer

We, the undersigned, call for the Development Consent Order to expand London Luton Airport to be approved.

The development of the airport to handle 32 million passengers per annum (mppa) would deliver significant economic benefits to England and the South East, helping to address the unacceptable levels of deprivation in Luton. As businesses based in the town and across the wider region, we recognise the importance of the airport for our success and that of neighbouring communities.

The expansion of London Luton Airport would create 11,000 new jobs at the airport and in the supply chain across the region, with around 4,800 directly in Luton. This would deliver high-quality, well-paid jobs with salaries on average 34% higher than the national average wage. The proposals would contribute around £1.3 billion in additional GDP across the three counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire and £1.5 billion nationally.

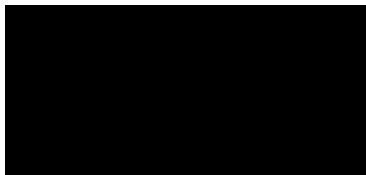
Through its owner Luton Rising, London Luton Airport is the UK's most socially impactful airport, with £300 million provided to support vital front-line services since 1998, together with an additional £180 million for voluntary, community and charitable organisations. This is all on top of the significant supply chain and wider economic investment the airport delivers locally. When the airport thrives, so does Luton and the wider region.

We do not want growth to come at the expense of the environment and climate change, and therefore we fully support Luton Rising's aims to become one of the greenest airports in the UK. The expansion proposals detail how Luton Rising wants rigorous environmental constraints through a unique initiative called the Green Controlled Growth (GCG) Framework. We welcome these proposed sustainability measures which promise to be some of the most far-reaching commitments to minimise environmental impacts ever put forward by a UK airport.

Our aviation industry is at the centre of economic, social, and environmental transition on a world stage. Enabling sustainable airport expansion will help establish the UK as a leader in this space and we strongly believe that the expansion proposals of London Luton Airport can help pave the way.

As local and regional businesses and employers, we believe that London Luton Airport is vital for the economic growth of this region, and we therefore fully support the expansion of our local airport. We would ask you to consider the strong support from businesses when making your decision about the London Luton Airport expansion proposals.

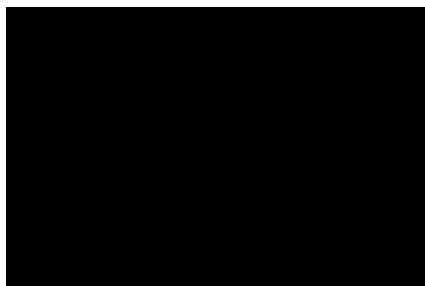
Yours sincerely,



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List of businesses supporting London Luton Airport Expansion Proposals

AAK Investments Ltd
Active Luton
Active Support Education Centre Ltd
ADB Services LTD
Advectus Executive Chauffeur
AIRDAT
Airport Retail Enterprises
AiSolve Limited
Al Isra 24 Ltd
Ali Istithmar Ltd
Andrews UK limited
ATEC Security Limited
Avenue Design Luton Ltd
Bagel Factory
Barnfield College
Barth Consulting Limited
Bartham Press (Watford) Ltd
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board
Beechwood Studios Ltd
Benjamin Café Ltd
Biz Virtual Ltd
British School of Aviation
Chaucer Construction Ltd
Clarence Properties Ltd

Commercial Transport Training Ltd
Community Interest Luton
Concierge Group Ltd
CYS Security Ltd
DS Medical
East London NHS Foundation Trust
Edmundson Electrical Ltd
Electron Light
Equality PCN
ERD – Edmundson Luton
Ethos Farm
Euroasia Catering supplies Ltd
Europa Plc
Evo Carz Ltd
FAAC Entrance Solutions Ltd
FCC Environment
Federation of Small Businesses
MetalWood
Flame Heating
FRS ventures Limited
Fusion Radiology Ltd
Gas N Elec Ltd
Gentle Hands Care and Services Ltd
GH LONDON Ground Handling Services
Go Cars
GoCruise & Travel with Adam & Rob
Gravitas Cars Ltd
Greenside childcare Ltd
Grocery Hut Group Ltd
Gym 1 Fitness Ltd
Hampton by Hilton Luton Airport
Harmony Bathrooms UK Ltd
Hatters Health Network PCN
Hayjess Properties Limited
HEARD Digital Ltd
Heritage Associates
Heritage Funerals Ltd
HOPE
House a Home Ltd
Howden Insurance
Hypergood Ltd T/A Royal Gourmet
i3Simulations Limited
Ikigai
ILM Services
Imagine Software Ltd

Inconstruct Engineering LTD
J&J Transport MK LTD
Jaltek Systems
Jamia Al Akbria trust
John F Hunt Regeneration
Johnson Controls (Security Products - CEM Systems)
Kids Entertainment Zone
Lansdowne Oak Ltd
Loaded Donner Luton ltd
Locked Escape Rooms Ltd
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
London Luton Airport Operations Limited
LP display
Luton Airport Specialist Cars Ltd
Luton BID Ltd
Luton Foodbank
Luton Neighbourhood Watch
Luton Sixth Form College
Luton Town Football Club
M & S Water Services (Utilities) Limited
MC Group (Luton) Ltd
Measurex Consulting Ltd
MK Contractors Ltd
MKI Halls Ltd
Music24
Nasir grill house ltd
National Sameday
Not Just Travel
Peabody Trust
Peri Peri Group Ltd
Petrie Gough Ltd t/a PG Group Ltd
Promptmove Limited
R. A. Morgan Electrical Ltd
Regency Developments Ltd
Retro Games Ltd
Revoluton Arts
Rise and Go Café
Ryebridge Construction
S & S Printed Limited
Sadie by Best Western Luton
Seb Polar Blinds
Shoal Group
Signs & Graphics
SMM Properties Ltd
SouthEast Affiliates Limited

Spearhead Cars
Stellantis (Luton Plant)
Strawberry Star
Studio Melanix
Stutley Bros Ltd
The Mall Shopping Centre
TimeZoneTeam Ltd
Total IT
Treacle Factory
TRG Concessions
Turkey Zindabad LTD
University of Bedfordshire
Vepcons Limited
VolkerFitzpatrick
Voyager Flight Simulation Ltd
We trade all Ltd
World Foods Distribution Ltd
YK Investments Ltd
Zestec
1Eid Luton
2020 Developments (Luton) Ltd
7PlusTravel