

We strongly object to the proposed expansion of Luton Airport & have done so previously on a consultation document obtained from an exhibition on the expansion, by the firm Arup in the Town Hall Hitchin, before the Covid pandemic.

We object on the grounds of the environmental impact to Hitchin, surrounding communities & most important of all building & expanding the airport will add to carbon in the atmosphere & its detrimental effect on our climate.

The traffic around & through Hitchin is already extremely bad at times, particularly on the major routes, A505 to Luton & the A602 to the A1, Stevenage, Hertford & Ware. How much more freight, public & personal traffic will use these roads to access a larger airport? Consultants will come up with a figure which will fall short of fact. Immigration for a start means people will want to return & visit family, Libyan friends already use Luton to meet theirs in Italy. The World has shrunk with air travel & its growth is not sustainable with the constant use of oil & its detrimental effect on the climate.

Noise! During the holiday periods the noise over us from planes taking off from Luton at busy times is horrible. No idea where the planes are heading, from take off they bank sharply to the left & climb upwards around/ over our house, some pilots trained at Kamikaze School of Flying no doubt.

Overhead at times we also see planes coming from far left, higher in sky - also climbing probably from Stanstead Airport, which is not that far away. Even higher in the sky are endless con - trails, again far worse at weekends & holiday periods. They run East to West, West to East, South West to North East, North East to South West, all in all we are under Sky Motorway. Why do we need even more air traffic added to all this noise & pollution ?

We dread to think what climate the young people of today will have to cope with in even 20 years time. We moved to Hitchin 10 years ago, good bench mark to study summer heat by. The weather has progressively become hotter & drier over this time, last year broke the records here over 40C. Being World War 2 babies we've many years under our belts to judge British weather patterns. The extremes are swinging wider, particularly the droughts here in the East. Increasing carbon emissions at this present time would be a criminal act which our young people will not forgive.

Maybe we need to get used to not travelling here & there - just for the weekend, just for the stag or hen do, just to brag on social media ie 🤝 look at us on Spanish Beach, School Ski trips, etc etc the list is endless.

Vital trade to & from abroad are a necessity, integrated rail freight to airports better than road, Luton Airport's site is not compatible with this type of transportation, where as the other 3 'London Airports are sited alongside existing rail tracks. Please accept & consider our objections to the expansion of Luton Airport for the above reasons