

1. Significant increase in noise, especially at night and during the early morning starting often before 6am. Noise pollution is compounded by unscheduled late arrivals and daily 4am freight flights such as DHL using noisy obsolete passenger jets. The impact of both aircraft and airport noise is compounded by the airport being situated on the top of a hill and surrounded on the south and east by open country. All this will be very significantly compounded by any expansion to the airport and increased air traffic.
2. Environmental concerns from proposed major earthworks as well as growth in flights and airport activity. The proposal to excavate over 500,000 tonnes of earth to enlarge the airport apron at the expense of an existing and well used country park, confirms that the airport site is unsuitable for further massive expansion.
3. Light pollution made worse in recent years with construction of 2 multi storey car parks with no light baffles. Breachwood Green is a dark village with no street lights but is now partially illuminated by the airport and this will only get worse with the proposed expansion
4. The knock-on effects of these result in increased stress, tiredness and health issues
5. Loss of valuable agricultural land to construct a country park to replace existing park destroyed by the proposed development
6. Loss of rural views looking west, airport will dominate the horizon
7. Airport approach from the east is via narrow country lanes, increasingly used as rat runs and this is creating heavier traffic causing situations where people are driving at dangerous speeds to get to their check in on time.
8. Little evidence of sharing benefits
9. The current mitigation through insulation grants are inadequate and do not cover the whole village
10. There should be a complete ban on night flights or a voluntary moratorium during certain periods to provide a respite now.
11. Over the last 9 months there has been a significant increase in the easterly take offs because of a change towards more prevalent northerly winds. This may be due to climate change and increases noise pollution, particularly at night and in the early morning take off shoulder that is not reflected in the noise contours
12. The value of the property in Breachwood Green will drop hugely I am sure as the airport brings all the above stated problems for residents and prospective residents.
13. With the evidence of climate change, it is even more necessary to stop further expansion of airports and aviation which contribute greatly to increased carbon emissions.