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To: Chair, Luton Airport Planning Enquiry
From: Slip End Parish Council

18th August 2023

Dear Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Planning Enquiry at the first Open Floor Session on Thursday 10th August.

Most of the information in my short presentation, dealing with the issues experienced by Slip End Parish, is detailed in the documents submitted to the Enquiry beforehand. I would, however, like to emphasise the issues arising from the more problematic areas of the Luton Rising commercial portfolio, namely the increase in aircraft freight movements, usually at night, and the increasing use of wide-bodied jets to mid-haul destinations. Both of these aircraft types and movements have a higher nuisance value to the local population.

Given the scale of airport expansion proposed by Luton Rising it is inevitable that both these sectors will be expanded in the future, yet their environment report does not mention them, and in five years of asking Luton Rising and their earlier operation iterations for their proposals on the management of these sectors, no information has been forthcoming. Instead, we are encouraged to believe that there will be a seamless increase in passenger numbers to 32 mppa, conveyed in environmentally friendly, new generation jets by the end of the planning period. Clearly this is a fantasy. We would be grateful if you could press Luton Rising further on their intentions in this regard.

We are also pleased that the panel were able to visit the parish to see some of the issues first hand. It is a pity that none of our councillors were invited to accompany you. You probably noticed that the noise monitoring equipment installed at Pepsal End Farm and Manor Farm are not in the optimal position to record noise levels in the parish; a matter I look forward to discussing with you in ISH3 hearings next month.

If you require any further information please get in touch.

Your sincerely,

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