Dear Sir/Madam,

I write further to the application by Luton Airport to expand to 32 million passengers a year.

I have already made my written representation, but having attended both days of the Preliminary Meetings, would like to make the following observation. It struck me that there was a common thread of 'fear' from local charities who spoke at the meetings, that they would lose their existing funding if the application is not successful - as I understand it that is not the case. I would ask the question who has sown the seed of fear with these organisations ?

There is no doubt that the airport generates substantial income for Luton Council, but there is a limit to what a small borough like ours can generate and it is certainly not to increase passengers to 32m. It is now time to put the existing residents of the Borough of Luton and all those living in the vast surrounding areas first and ensure that we all have a good quality of life, that people don't have to shut their windows, they don't have more pollution to endure, more noise, that they can enjoy their gardens and surrounding green areas. Plus the strain on peoples mental health and well being.

Your panel experienced the noise levels now, not only on their visits to the surrounding areas but also when trying to conduct the meetings in Venue 360.

I would also refer you to the Audit and Governance Committee Meeting of LBC held on 20th July 2023 (this can be found on the CMIS calendar for LBC) and in particular the draft audit report for Luton Borough Council for year ended 31st March 2019 by Ernst and Young commencing at page 172 - I am only a ordinary resident with no accountancy experience, but being involved in trying to save my local Wandon Park from being built on, I do try to follow the council meetings. I was very concerned on reading the report and worried for our future here in Luton. It may be that this report has already been brought to your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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