

From: [Ian Roper](#)
To: [Luton Airport](#)
Cc: [HEALD, Oliver](#)
Subject: Application by London Luton Airport for an Order Granting Development Consent for Expansion
Date: 22 August 2023 10:50:47
Attachments: [Fw AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint.msg](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

My unique reference – 20039476

On Thursday August 17th 2023 I received an email from The Planning Inspectorate notifying me of the deadline of August 22nd 2023 to submit written representations following the initial hearing. In my opinion 5 days is an unreasonably short period to notify parties and to respond especially over the summer holiday period. This may prevent many from submitting their representations. A more reasonable approach would have been to make the deadline sometime in the first week of September and to send more than one notification email. This comes on top of that fact that the initial consultation for AD6 was conducted during the pandemic; a period of very low air traffic and unrepresentative of normal life. I was completely unaware of the consultation as were all of my friends that live in this area. Both this and the timescales for notification are unreasonable and suggest that the minimum amount of cooperation is being undertaken by the authorities for such an impactful project.

Summary of my written representations at August 22nd 2023:

Since AD6 aircraft noise has severely impacted our house and village. Low level aircraft frequently fly directly over our property. Our village is in rural North Hertfordshire and has very low ambient noise levels. The impact of low flying aircraft is significant. With recent natural disasters around the world I am also concerned about the environmental impact that the proposed Luton Airport Expansion might have. Furthermore, as mentioned above, the original AD6 consultation was flawed because of the pandemic and should be rerun. My written representations are contained in the attached emails that have previously been submitted to Luton Airport, The Planning Inspectorate and others. [See [EV2-003](#)]

Written Representations in the attached emails:

June 21st 2023 – noise.enquiries@ltn.aero , Oliver Heald MP, CAA, NATS

June 24th 2023 – reply to Adriana (Flight Operations Administrator Luton Airport)

July 10th 2023 – Oliver Heald MP (which was then forwarded to Luton Airport)

July 21st 2023 – noise.enquiries@ltn.aero , Oliver Heald MP, CAA, NATS

August 8th 2023 – noise.enquiries@ltn.aero , Oliver Heald MP, CAA, NATS, Planning Inspectorate

August 8th 2023 – collection of previous emails (sent to Planning Inspectorate referencing Rammiel Burnie)

Regards

Ian Roper



Burnie, Rammiel

From: Fiona Roper [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 22 August 2023 10:39
To: F Roper
Subject: Fw: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

From: Ian Roper [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 22 August 2023 10:25
To: fionaroper2 [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: Fwd: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:08:57 AM
To: noise.enquiries@ltn.aero <noise.enquiries@ltn.aero>
Cc: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>; complaints@caa.co.uk <complaints@caa.co.uk>; public.enquiries@nats.co.uk <public.enquiries@nats.co.uk>
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17/07/2023	23:44:00	Easyjet	Faro	Luton	3,891
17/07/2023	23:47:00	Wizz Air	Bucharest	Luton	3,973
17/07/2023	23:51:00	Ryanair	Cork	Luton	4,126
17/07/2023	23:54:00	Easyjet	Palma de Mallorca	Luton	3,759
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Sent: 22 August 2023 10:38
To: F Roper
Subject: Fw: Additional emails relating to AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion
Attachments: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint; Re: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint; RE: [EXTERNAL] AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint; AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

From: Ian Roper [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 22 August 2023 10:26
To: fionaroper2 [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Additional emails relating to AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 12:20:09 PM
To: 'Luton Airport' <Lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>
Subject: Additional emails relating to AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion

Dear Sir/Madam,

In recent communications with your case officer Rammiel Burnie, it was suggested that I may submit historic emails between myself, Luton Airport and others for your consideration in the airport expansion application.

These emails, provide additional context and details around the noise disturbance that we and our village is experiencing. They also put into question the effectiveness and fairness of the consultation period over the Covid lockdown.

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Thank you for the clarification. We will submit your below email to the panel as an Additional Submission in lieu of attendance. Once accepted this will be published on the project page of our website.

All written submissions that you wish to make to the Examining Authority will be published on the [project page of our website](#) once accepted by the panel. So it is entirely up to you whether you wish to include those emails in your submission to the panel. However it might be helpful to the Examining Authority if you can explain in your next submission why you wish the Examining Authority to assess those emails. Note you can choose to make further written submissions for 'Deadline 1' which is 23:59, Tuesday 22 August, however if you wish for your submissions to be assessed before that deadline then we can make mark them as 'Additional Submissions' instead, and the panel will use their discretion to decide whether to accept them before that deadline.

Kind Regards

Rammiel Burnie

He/Him



The Planning
Inspectorate

Rammiel Burnie | Case Officer

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From: Ian Roper [REDACTED] [@gmail.com](#)>

Sent: 08 August 2023 11:41

To: Luton Airport <Lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Cc: Luton Airport <Lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion

Dear Rammiel,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately I cannot make either of the open floor hearings so please would you be so kind as to submit my email. Am I also able to send you previous emails submitted to Luton Airport?

Kind Regards

Ian

From: Luton Airport <Lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 11:35 am
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
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Subject: RE: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion

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Your unique Interested Party reference number: **20039476** (please quote in all future correspondence)

Good Morning Mr Roper

Thank you for your email.

You have advised that you cannot attend the Preliminary Meetings but there are also two upcoming Open Floor Hearings which you may wish to raise these points. The first is from 18:30 on Thursday 10 August 2023 and the second is at 10:00 on Friday 11 August 2023.

Would you like to speak either in person or virtually at any of these Hearings or would you prefer to submit your below email as a written submission for Deadline 1 to the Examining Authority instead?

Kind Regards

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He/Him



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Cc: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>; complaints@caa.co.uk; public.enquiries@nats.co.uk; Luton

Airport <Lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to my previous emails complaining about excessive aircraft noise that is disrupting our village, we continue to be affected by this on a daily basis.

Flights affect us throughout the day and last week I was kept awake by aircraft into the very early hours of the morning. I do not have details as I was trying to get to sleep.

Having moved to rural Rushden to enjoy the peaceful surroundings, the current situation impacts us significantly.

I note that there is a preliminary planning meeting for the proposed Luton Airport expansion to be held on August 10th. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend.

I do however want my concerns to be taken into consideration.

Whether flights approach from the North, South or West, my house and the village of Rushden seems to be a navigation beacon for flights landing at Luton (see images attached, our house is the blue dot).

Flights do not approach from the East as this is Stansted airports take-off route. Another source of unwelcomed noise.

As I have mentioned previously, I cannot understand why aircraft aren't routed over the main road network, where ambient noise levels are much higher.

Considering the very low ambient noise levels in our area, the impact of aircraft noise is awful. The expansion of Luton Airport will only make this worse and I strongly object to its expansion.

Given recent news events, what consideration is being given to environmental and public health impacts caused by these expansion plans?

I am copying various others including the planning inspectorate.

Incidentally, I would like to point out that I did not receive a reply to my email of July 17th other than your automated receipt acknowledgement.

Regards

Ian Roper

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Burnie, Rammiel

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Sent: 21 June 2023 10:35
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20/06/2023	21:07:00	Wizz Air	Debrecen	Luton	5,084
20/06/2023	21:09:00	Wizz Air	Timisoara	Luton	4,807
20/06/2023	21:15:00	Wizz Air	Craiova	Luton	5,100
20/06/2023	21:17:00	Air Charter	Stuttgart	Luton	4,413
20/06/2023	21:20:00	Ryanair	Rzeszow	Luton	4,848
20/06/2023	21:22:00	Ryanair	Faro	Luton	4,348

I am not averse to each area taking its fair share of aircraft noise, but I am strongly opposed to the current situation and the expansion plans for Luton airport.

I am copying Sir Oliver Heald, my local MP and the CAA and NATS.

Regards

Ian Roper



 [@gmail.com](mailto: [redacted]@gmail.com)

Burnie, Rammiel

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Sent: 24 June 2023 11:18
To: 'LTN Noise Enquiries'
Cc: 'HEALD, Oliver'; complaints@caa.co.uk; public.enquiries@nats.co.uk
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Adriana,

Thank you for your reply.

The consultation period was held during the extraordinary times of Covid so I and many others were unaware. Also aircraft traffic was minimal at this time. I think I've read that it was 10% of normal levels. As such, for those who were aware of the consultation, aircraft noise was not so 'front of mind' .

As for altitude and the associated noise levels, choosing to position flight paths over quiet rural areas seems like a flawed decision. The impact must surely be considered relative to ambient background noise rather than the absolute noise. Because our ambient noise levels and those of other rural areas are so low, the noise of aircraft at 5,000 ft and below is significant, whereas over urban areas it has a smaller impact as ambient noise levels are already higher. The impact on those who are currently affected by AD6 is only going to get worse if Luton Airport is allowed to expand, which makes it all the more important to get this right now. My family was sat in our garden yesterday evening and once again we had numerous low flying jets fly over, or very close to our house heading into Luton. On at least four occasions (there might have been more), aircraft altitude was closer to 3,000ft (see below) rather than 5,000ft. I do not have the time to record statistics for every plane on everyday but please believe me, the impact is significant.

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Given the extraordinary circumstances (Covid) during the consultation period and the method of assessing noise impact in absolute rather than relative terms, the consultation should be rerun and the guidance for assessing noise impact should be reviewed urgently, with any resulting noise policy change having retrospective authority.

Regards

Ian Roper

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

From: LTN Noise Enquiries <Noise.Enquiries@ltn.aero>

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 12:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Ian ,

Many thanks for your recent email noise report to the Flight Operations team at London Luton Airport. I can confirm this complaint has been logged accordingly within our complaints database.

Earlier last year (February 2022) we implemented an airspace change which would have changed the tracks from aircraft in your area, this was a co-sponsored proposal from both NATS and London Luton Airport. The aim of this airspace change was to separate Luton's arrival routes from Stansted's arrival routes. The new routes were consulted upon from October 2020 – February 2021. We then submitted the airspace change proposal to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in June 2021 with them granting approval in November 2021.

Furthermore, regarding the altitude of aircraft in your area, we check this daily as part of our ongoing monitoring. I have looked at recent data and can confirm that most aircraft are at the required altitude or higher. There may be some aircraft lower than the required altitude, and this is due to the weather conditions on the day. Aircraft use altimeters which is an instrument used to measure the altitude of an aircraft above a fixed level. This level is based on barometric pressure used to interpret how high they are – air pressure reduces with height, so the lower the pressure, the higher an aircraft altimeter will indicate. However, the weather also changes the air pressure so it may be slightly higher or slightly lower depending on the air pressure in the area, at the time.

When redesigning airspace we must follow the government guidance, this is currently to overfly the least number of people and therefore typically routes will overfly rural areas. I understand that this may cause more disturbance due to the lower ambient noise level, but we must comply with the government guidance in this regard. We will shortly be conducting noise monitoring around the area and once complete will create a community noise monitoring report.

There was significant media publicity throughout the consultation. Television news (BBC local and ITV local), and radio broadcasts (five by BBC Three Counties, one by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and 16 by the local Heart Radio stations) highlighted the consultation launch in October 2020, with more broadcast coverage at the midpoint and again near the closing date. More than 50 editorial articles had a combined reach of 17.6 million people and social media promotions reached 1.2 million people. All of this coverage headlined the consultation and the principles of the proposed change and steered people to the virtual exhibition and consultation details.

Evidence suggests that the online consultation format made it straightforward for people to engage. More than 11,230 people visited the Virtual Exhibition, more than have ever attended local 'town hall' meetings in the past. As a result of this programme of engagement, and our significant efforts to set out the relevant information in a form relatable to the public, the consultation received 2,426 responses – more than any previous airspace change consultation.

Aircraft in your area will be receiving individual instructions from Air Traffic Control and therefore may not be at the same altitude or follow the same track each time. There are no set arrival routes or set altitudes for arrivals into Luton. The track and altitude will be based on other aircraft in the airspace at the time and this typically disperses the aircraft tracks over a wider area. This was the preferred option within the consultation (Option 1 in the consultation document).

There is a 7-stage process for changing airspace, the final stage is a post implementation review (PIR) this is for 12 months after implementation. During this period, we collect data on complaints, tracks and altitude of aircraft on this route. This will be provided to the Civil Aviation Authority (as regulators of the airspace) who will decide if the route can be made permanent or if changes are required. You can find out more about the Post Implementation Review on the airspace change portal.

We do recognise that our operations can have an impact on neighbouring communities, and we of course have every sympathy with those affected and I would like to apologise for the disturbance you have experienced.

I do hope this information is of assistance to you.

Kind regards,

Adriana



Adriana
Flight Operations Administrator
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Ian Roper



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Burnie, Rammiel

From: Ian Roper [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 11 July 2023 12:16
To: HEALD, Oliver
Subject: Re: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Sir Oliver,

Thank you for your support.

Regards
Ian

From: HEALD, Oliver [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10:24:41 AM
To: Ian Roper [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Mr Roper

Many thanks for your email which I have forwarded to Luton Airport. I will be in touch with you again as soon as I receive a response.

Best wishes

Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald KC MP
Member of Parliament for North East Hertfordshire

Website: www.oliverhealdmp.com
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OliverHealdUK>

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 July 2023 14:39
To: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>
Subject: RE: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Sir Oliver,

Just following up on your email of June 30th. Curious whether you received a reply from Luton Airport?

It seems that Rushden and the surrounding villages are suffering with noise from aircraft taking off from Stansted and arriving at Luton.

I don't have time to record all flights that pass over (many directly over my house) but I have recorded some from approximately 7am to 8am today.

EXAMPLES OF LUTON AIRPORT FLIGHTS OVER RUSHDEN, NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Date	Time	Airline	Departure	Destination	Altitude (ft)
10/07/2023	07:04:00	Wizz Air	Wroclaw	Luton	4,146
10/07/2023	07:27:00	Wizz Air	Warsaw	Luton	3,720

10/07/2023	07:31:00	Wizz Air	Suceava	Luton		3,512
10/07/2023	07:33:00	Wizz Air	Gdansk	Luton		4,224
10/07/2023	07:36:00	Wizz Air	Sofia	Luton		3,956
10/07/2023	07:45:00	Wizz Air	Katowice	Luton	N/A	
10/07/2023	07:47:00	Wizz Air	Craiova	Luton		3,563
10/07/2023	07:52:00	Ryanair	Dublin	Luton		4,713
10/07/2023	07:55:00	Easyjet	Edinburgh	Luton		4,665
10/07/2023	08:01:00	Easyjet	Belfast	Luton		3,899
10/07/2023	08:04:00	Wizz Air	Cluj-Napoca	Luton		4,308
10/07/2023	08:06:00	Easyjet	Glasgow	Luton		4,107

As I say, this doesn't capture all flights during this hour but gives a reasonable representation.

The village is blighted by the noise especially since it is such a quiet rural area.

I wonder why flights can't be directed over the main roads or areas that have a higher ambient noise level.

I will continue to email Luton Airport but I fear that my voice won't be heard!

Regards

Ian

From: HEALD, Oliver [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Subject: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Mr Roper

Thank you for copying me in on your email. I have written to Luton Airport asking to see a copy of their response.

Best wishes

Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald KC MP
Member of Parliament for North East Hertfordshire

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From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 21 June 2023 10:35
To: noise.enquiries@ltn.aero
Cc: HEALD, Oliver [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>; complaints@caa.co.uk; public.enquiries@nats.co.uk
Subject: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Rushden in North Hertfordshire and have lived here for nearly 21 years.

During this time, I have never experienced aircraft noise as it is currently and as such I wish to complain.

As I understand it, this is caused by the frequency and altitude of descending aircraft approaching Luton via the new AD6 route.

The background noise has risen to the point where our peaceful rural sounds are drowned out and the frequency of aircraft means that we get little respite from this increased noise.

I am annoyed by the constant noise and can no longer enjoy a peaceful garden. I am now disturbed at night and find it more difficult to sleep. Telephone calls are made difficult when aircraft fly past.

My understanding is that this change has come about without any consultation and that the process lacks any independent governance since LLA and NATS are collecting data themselves before presenting this to the CAA.

Surely this cannot be right. It suggests that data could be manipulated to suit the required outcome for LLA. What consideration is LLA giving to environmental and public health impacts caused by its expansion plans?

Aircraft noise and frequency is now a blight on our peaceful hamlet and its surrounding area.

I have collated a few examples of the flights that have disturbed me on one evening (June 20th 2023 around 9pm). Please find this summarised below.

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20/06/2023	20:54:00	Wizz Air	Warsaw	Luton	4,645
20/06/2023	21:01:00	Wizz Air	Riga	Luton	4,610
20/06/2023	21:03:00	Wizz Air	Varna	Luton	4,754
20/06/2023	21:05:00	Wizz Air	Iasi	Luton	4,996
20/06/2023	21:07:00	Wizz Air	Debrecen	Luton	5,084
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Burnie, Rammiel

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Sent: 21 July 2023 10:09
To: noise.enquiries@ltn.aero
Cc: 'HEALD, Oliver'; complaints@caa.co.uk; public.enquiries@nats.co.uk
Subject: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I wrote to complain about aircraft noise over our village on June 21st 2023.

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I do not have time to record every flight that disturbs us but this is another example of how our peaceful rural area has become badly affected. We are affected every day.

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17/07/2023	23:32:00	Easyjet	Chania	Luton	3,914
17/07/2023	23:44:00	Easyjet	Faro	Luton	3,891
17/07/2023	23:47:00	Wizz Air	Bucharest	Luton	3,973
17/07/2023	23:51:00	Ryanair	Cork	Luton	4,126
17/07/2023	23:54:00	Easyjet	Palma de Mallorca	Luton	3,759
17/07/2023	23:57:00	Easyjet	Glasgow	Luton	4,799
17/07/2023	23:59:00	Wizz Air	Tirana	Luton	4,112
18/07/2023	00:01:00	Easyjet	Rhodes	Luton	3,876
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Ian Roper
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Burnie, Rammiel

From: Fiona Roper [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 22 August 2023 10:45
To: F Roper
Subject: Fw: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion
Attachments: NSW flight examples over 8 Church End.pdf

From: Ian Roper [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 22 August 2023 10:43
To: fionaroper2 [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: Fwd: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 9:32:54 AM
To: noise.enquiries@ltn.aero <noise.enquiries@ltn.aero>
Cc: 'HEALD, Oliver' [REDACTED]@parliament.uk>; complaints@caa.co.uk <complaints@caa.co.uk>; public.enquiries@nats.co.uk <public.enquiries@nats.co.uk>; lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk <lutonairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: AD6 Aircraft Noise Complaint and Luton Airport expansion

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to my previous emails complaining about excessive aircraft noise that is disrupting our village, we continue to be affected by this on a daily basis.

Flights affect us throughout the day and last week I was kept awake by aircraft into the very early hours of the morning. I do not have details as I was trying to get to sleep.

Having moved to rural Rushden to enjoy the peaceful surroundings, the current situation impacts us significantly.

I note that there is a preliminary planning meeting for the proposed Luton Airport expansion to be held on August 10th. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend.

I do however want my concerns to be taken into consideration.

Whether flights approach from the North, South or West, my house and the village of Rushden seems to be a navigation beacon for flights landing at Luton (see images attached, our house is the blue dot).

Flights do not approach from the East as this is Stansted airports take-off route. Another source of unwelcomed noise.

As I have mentioned previously, I cannot understand why aircraft aren't routed over the main road network, where ambient noise levels are much higher.

Considering the very low ambient noise levels in our area, the impact of aircraft noise is awful. The expansion of Luton Airport will only make this worse and I strongly object to its expansion.

Given recent news events, what consideration is being given to environmental and public health impacts caused by these expansion plans?

I am copying various others including the planning inspectorate.

Incidentally, I would like to point out that I did not receive a reply to my email of July 17th other than your automated receipt acknowledgement.

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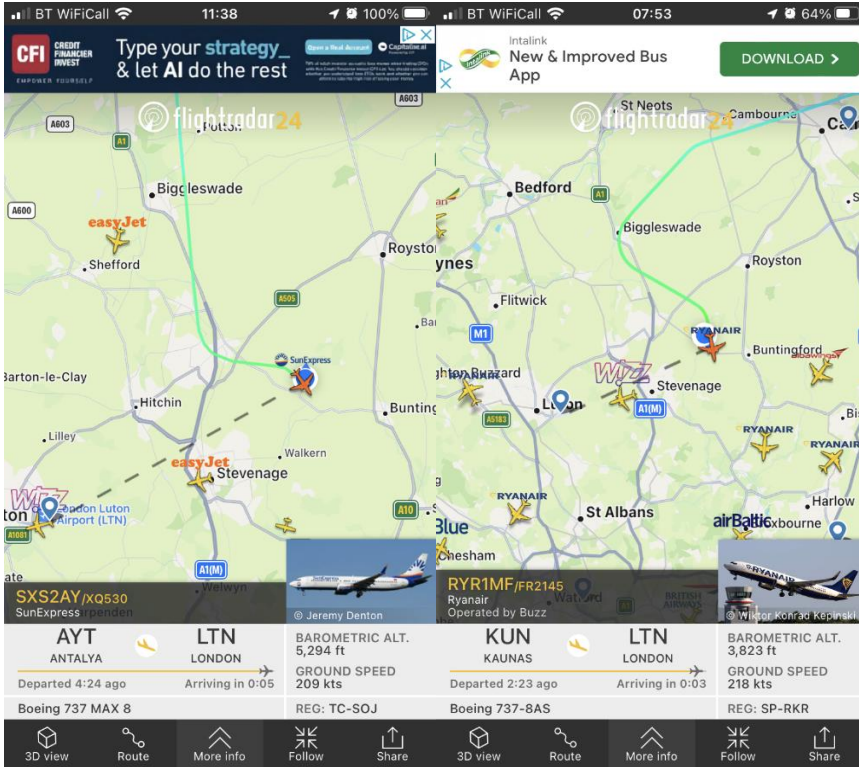


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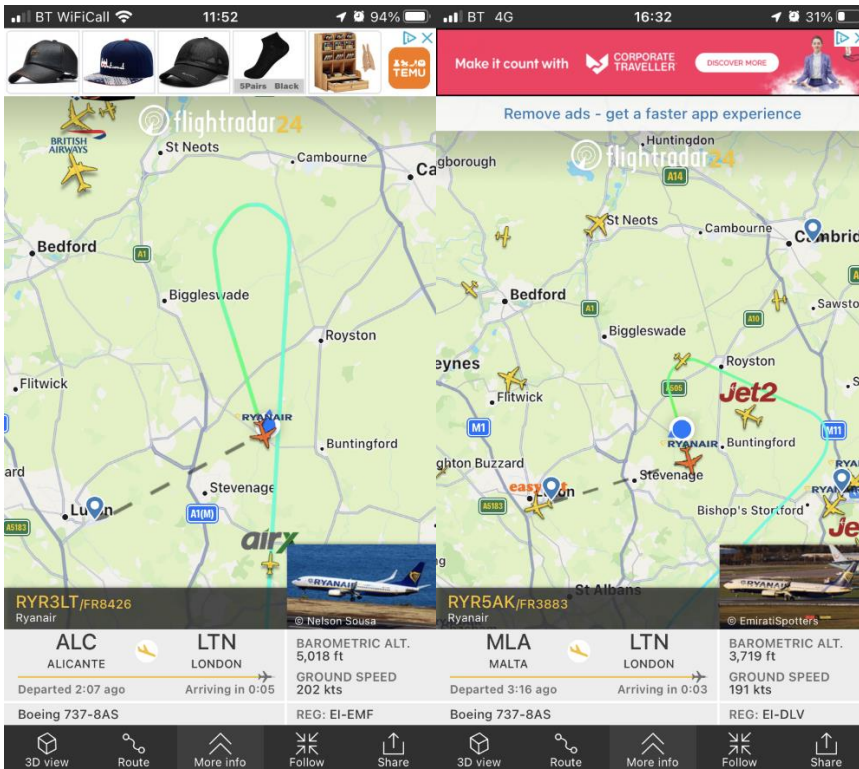
Flight examples over 8 Church End, Rushden, Herts, SG90SG. These are a tiny example of flights to show the flight path.

Irrespective of flight direction coming from the North, South or West, flights pass over our house (blue dot) regularly. Flights do not approach from the East as this is Stansted Airports take-off route!

North



South



West

The screenshot shows the flightradar24 mobile application interface. At the top, there are two banners for the 'New & Improved Bus App' with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. Below the banners are two side-by-side map views of the Luton area. The left map shows a Ryanair aircraft (RZR49AZ) in flight, with a green line indicating its path. The right map shows an easyJet aircraft (EZY58RV) in flight, also with a green line. Below the maps, there are two detailed flight information cards. The left card is for Ryanair flight RYR49AZ (FR843) from KIR (Kerry) to LTN (London Luton). It shows a ground speed of 218 kts and a barometric altitude of 4,431 ft. The right card is for easyJet flight EZY58RV (JU215) from BFS (Belfast) to LTN (London Luton). It shows a ground speed of 212 kts and a barometric altitude of 4,111 ft. At the bottom of the screen, there are navigation icons for 3D view, Route, More info, Follow, and Share, repeated for both flight cards.

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