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Dear Sir or Madam

FAO London Luton Airport Expansion  
Your ref: TR020001

We attended Open Floor Hearing 1 last night virtually. It was excellent – thank you.

We have a personal objection to the airport which we would like to tell you about:

- We live one mile from the airport and are frequently bothered by aviation fuel being dumped over our house. It smells bad and makes us feel nauseous. It makes spending time in the garden and opening windows impossible.
- If the expansion of the airport goes ahead, there are plans to widen the road (Wigmore Lane) in front of our house and install traffic lights. We will then lose most of our front lawn and have traffic idling a few feet from the front of the house most of the time. There will be constant fumes and noise and once again we won't be able to open the windows. At present there is a large roundabout which keeps the traffic moving. It also has mature trees and shrubs which are much more pleasant than traffic lights.
- We have thought of moving house, but these plans will show in a search for any prospective buyers. The value of our house is also bound to decrease. These factors will make it difficult to sell.
- We also enjoy walking in Wigmore Park which we will lose if the plans go ahead. Many people in Wigmore enjoy using this open space.
- With regards the local roads – they are already very busy and if the housing development to the East of Luton goes ahead, will become even worse. Expansion of the airport will exacerbate this problem further.
- Other people have highlighted other concerns which we also worry about. Luton town is in a valley where noise and air pollution concentrates. New jobs created by the airport expansion would probably not serve the needs of the unemployed in the town. The funds for the airport expansion would be better used creating jobs for the low skilled and for housing the homeless. And finally – CLIMATE CHANGE – surely this is the most important consideration of all. Think of the situation in Hawaii in the last week. Isn't that sufficient evidence to show that unless we drastically cut CO2 emissions as soon as possible we are all doomed?

Yours faithfully

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