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Subject: Objection to Luton Expansion. IP number LUTN-SP01
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Attachments: [Objection.pdf](#)

Many Thanks Rammiel

I wonder if you would be able to upload Flamstead Parish Councils objection to the proposed expansion.

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The main reasons for our objection in summary are;


Flamstead Parish Council supports the position of LADACAN along with the other organisations that have raised an objection. The proposed expansion is completely inappropriate. Our village is blighted by air traffic noise 74% of the year. Increasing flights by 70,000 pa will equate to approx 52,000 additional flights pa or an additional 143 per day for Flamstead. Our main objections are broadly covered by the below;

- 1, Infrastructure
- 2, Noise
- 3, Air Pollution - Climate Emergency.

PDF of full objection attached to be uploaded with these outlined comments.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Objection to Luton Airport Expansion

Please find below the outline of Flamstead Parish Councils objection to the proposed airport expansion to 32 million passengers.

Infrastructure

Flamstead Parish lays at junction 9 of the M1. Between Junction 6a and Junction 10 on a daily basis the M1 between these junctions at peak travel times is at best travelling at low speeds due to the sheer weight of traffic, when we have numerous closures of the M1 either due to RTCs or overnight roadworks. During these times of closure, Flamstead in particular, due to the proximity of the M1, becomes a cut through for cars and lorries alike travelling from north or south to jump junctions. Our country lanes are not suitable for large vehicles or the amount of traffic diverting from the M1 at these times. This has a detrimental effect on our quiet village. And local residents everyday lives.

Our village suffers with lorries ripping down low hanging electrical cables, getting stuck on narrow bends on the single track lanes and speeding due to having National Speed Limits once out of the village.

For those that do cut through from the south to get north during times of the M1 closure, also bring the village to a standstill due to vehicles then needing to turn right from the junction of Chequers Hill and the A5183 (detrunked A5)

Should Luton Airport expand to the proposed level, we would almost certainly become a constant cut through to get to the Airport during busy periods and when the M1 is closed for RTCs.

Noise

During 25th June and 14th October 2019 – monitoring by LLOAL recorded on average 225 flights per day during westerly departures or 17,764 aircraft departures during this time. These fly past under half a mile from the Village centre and less than that over Trowley Bottom.



Within the Community Noise Report, Luton Airport - It states that they can't record all the flight noise, this may be due Luton Airport not servicing the noise monitor frequently enough, as the noise monitor in Flamstead had an internal power outage for 113 hours during this period.

Increasing flights in the morning and late evening, gives no rest bite from the constant aircraft noise for residents. These aircraft fly at an altitude of between 2500ft to 4500ft and larger aircraft creating noise of up to 75db. With the expansion, Luton would surely be looking to attract larger aircraft. Even though they have missed deadline to ensure all aircraft that take off from the airport are quieter A321neo- this hasn't made it less noisy. According

to LLOAL's own monitoring, the A321 Neo recorded 64.4dB. Whereas the other older aircraft record on average 75dB.

Within the outlined proposal, this does not provide sufficient noise controls for Luton Airport to be held accountable.

In its current form we will be lucky if Luton could be brought up to minimum levels that other UK airports operate at. Surely Luton Airport should prove it can operate to a minimum level before jumping by 14 million passengers and an additional 70,000 flights. Residents impacted by the airport deserve this.

Increasing the flights by 70,000 per year and Flamstead being affected by 74% of these , it seems ludicrous that Flamstead is not eligible for noise insulation and the Parish Council regards it as unacceptable to increase the noise impact and not giving any help to residents.

Green Controlled Growth and Green house gases

Flamstead is a selected small village in the green belt which is normally tranquil except for the aircraft that depart over the village. As part of the Metropolitan Green Belt building and infrastructure changes are extremely prohibited. However, Luton Airport want to completely bombard the skys above with aircraft. Polluting the air with green house gases which are not checked regularly. Continuing to fly older aircraft with no thought to those that wish to live in the countryside and not in a main town.

Luton Rising or Luton Borough Council are one of the same. Luton reaps all the benefit of the airport and small villages have the noise, pollution and traffic congestion. The airport owners and management haven't adhered to the current permission conditions.



Summary

Flamstead Parish Council strongly object to further expansion at Luton Airport. The proposal will clearly impact the lives of Flamstead residents, the countryside and the air we breathe.

Cllr Natalie Crowie
Flamstead Parish Council