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We have lived within striking distance of Luton Airport for around sixty years and we have followed the development of the expansion plans very carefully - and with increasing incredulity. I would like to make several points following your request for comments by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

1. I am convinced that the environment surrounding the airport is not suitable for any expansion. The airport is very close to the town centre and it doesn't lend itself to further growth, unlike other London airports which, by comparison, are based in more of a rural setting.
2. There is clearly no room for adding a second runway and this fact alone should be a key factor in considering a growth in the number of passengers passing through the airport.
3. Aircraft noise is a serious issue, especially with the airport being close to the town and near other local towns and villages which have been greatly troubled by aircraft noise for many years. I have attended several meetings in the past when the flight operations staff have sought to assure local residents that they are doing all they can to minimize the aircraft noise, but these meetings have made no difference. Whatsoever. As an example I would mention the problem caused when aircraft are taking off in a westerly direction, which applies to the majority of take-offs. Senior operational staff claim to have improved this situation, but there has been no improvement at all. Apparently, there are agreed corridors which pilots have to stick to, but when you live in the area to the south of Luton, you can see the extent to which the guidelines are being ignored. The main culprit is WIZZAIR, followed by EASYJET. The majority of the aircraft fly immediately above south Harpenden, when they should be sticking to a route which would take them between Harpenden and St Albans. One would have thought that the Airport authorities would be doing all they can to create a harmonious relationship by maintaining a policy of listening to comments of local residents, but our comments have been constantly ignored.
4. The access roads in the area are often clogged up with cars, plus a variety of other vehicles which are simply passing through the area. The current road system will never cope with the increased traffic if the expansion plans are approved. It is a fallacy!
5. There is a particularly quirky situation where the Luton Borough Council is involved as the owner of the airport site and a different company manages the operation of the airport. One must ask, therefore, what is the main motivating factor for tabling such an outlandish increase in passenger numbers. It is clear that the main factor is MONEY and this is clouding the whole issue. People rarely act responsibly and with reason when money is involved.

So, in summary, there are so many factors against the proposals for increasing the passengers numbers that one can only hope that common sense will prevail. The difficulty is that common sense is pushed to one side when people see an opportunity for expansion. I am absolutely convinced that if the expansion plans were to be approved, there would be total chaos, because the town of Luton, other places in the vicinity and the airport itself would be in for a very, very big wake-up call.

**THE EXPANSION PLANS MUST BE THROWN OUT – AND QUICKLY, SO THAT FURTHER MONEY ISN'T WASTED!**

Thanks for the opportunity to have a say.

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