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Sent: 11 December 2023 16:33
To: Luton Airport
Subject: Re: London Luton Airport Expansion

Good morning Rammiel and Sian,

This important and significant piece of news has just been reported and I strongly feel that it must be placed in front of the Inspectors, even though I may have missed the latest deadline for submissions.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT - THAMESLINK TRAINS

Here is an important and significant news item and here is the link:

[Sadiq Khan opens first new London mainline train station in 10 years \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uk/sadiq-khan-opens-first-new-london-mainline-train-station-in-10-years)

Brent Cross West station on the Thameslink line was opened by the Mayor of London on Sunday, 10th December 2023.

This news and the figures therein will have a major impact on rail transport on Thameslink, particularly on passenger numbers, to and from Luton airport. This is not hypothesis nor an exception, this has now happened, and is hard fact.

The £419 million project was due to take place in 2030, but was brought forward to put infrastructure in place before **thousands** move into new homes. It is a "doorway" to what will be a new town, and they are looking to have about **25,000 people** working in the area, which is why they need a new station, and now they have got it.

Direct Thameslink services will run to Luton Airport Parkway and Farringdon, providing a link to the Elizabeth line. Six trains will run every hour on weekdays and Saturdays, with eight at peak times.

All the figures in the Application for the proposed airport expansion on passenger numbers on Thameslink will have to be re-assessed, re-worked, re-modelled, and re-presented for inspection, analysis and review. 25,000 people working near the station (described as a "doorway" to a new town), will result in huge numbers of new rail passengers on Thameslink.

Best wishes.

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