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The Examining Authority has adopted as a working proposal Luton Rising [LR] demand for an annual cap of 13,000 flights during the sensitive early morning & late evening shoulder periods [TR0001-002827 Draft DCO Item 6, p56]. That compares with around 8,500 flights in those periods in 2019, which was LLA's busiest ever year!. The proposed increase of over 50% would increase pollution, substantially increase stress & further affect the already substantially reduced quality of life for tens of thousands of Hertfordshire residents that are victims of LLA aircraft noise.

It is abundantly clear that noise reduction due to NEO aircraft is a FICTION which we highlighted previously in email Deadline #4 15Nov23. *"There is a material inaccuracy in the letter referenced above item #16 "it is reasonable to assume that the airlines would be keen to implement the modernisation programmes which they have announced [IR15.40] leading to quieter aircraft". There are similar statements elsewhere in the document. We have been in contact with LLA Flight Operations since Oct 2021 to ascertain why Airbus321NEO aircraft are NOT quieter & the investigation as to "why" is still ongoing. The NEO benefit of noise reduction is not proven, in fact is contested, & is clearly taking some time to resolve so any statements regarding NEO modernisation leading to noise reduction should be removed & the revised status of the noise issue reconsidered without reference to noise reduction".*

The current status of the LLA investigation as to why there is no NEO aircraft noise reduction, despite LR assurances in the past, was highlighted in this email from LLA Operations on 26Oct2023: *"Hello Neil Macarthur, We have raised this issue with the CAA and they have requested a range of data which we are currently in the process of providing. Regards Neil Thompson".*



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