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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I object to any additional aircraft movements at Luton Airport within the shoulder period at night and/or in the mornings.

Any increase at all will further impact residents in Jersey Farm and Sandridge with yet more unacceptable levels of aircraft noise.

I have outlined my reasons below:

I oppose **any** further expansion of Luton Airport by adding any extra flights early mornings and late evenings.

When the 'concentrated flight path' was introduced over Sandridge and Jersey Farm, this area was designated the centre line for westerly departures on the new flight path. This has resulted in thousands of planes from Luton Airport travelling in single file over our houses. Previously they operated a 'dispersal' system, on the westerly departure route, which meant that noise from departing planes was more acceptable.

As well as this, **although treated as an unrelated matter**, Luton Airport set out a proposal in 2014 to expand the airport capacity from 9 million passengers per annum to 18 million passengers per annum. Their documented plan was for the expansion to take place **incrementally from 2015 to 2028**. But, through aggressive expansion, they fulfilled their objective for passenger numbers by 2019 and now want to expand the airport further to 34 million passengers per annum! The expansion was carried out with no apparent monitoring by Luton Borough Council Planning Department in respect of the timescale of the original proposal. Nor was any consideration given to people impacted by the resulting aircraft noise from such a huge expansion of the airport and the fact that the flight path had been changed to a concentrated, single file.

The effects of this unmonitored disruption to our lives, without respite, has ruined our quality of life. We have had to have new double glazing installed to our house (at our own expense) to try to mitigate the aircraft noise as most departures fly above our house. I have had to move into a bedroom at the other side of the house because of the aircraft noise. We can no longer have windows open overnight without the intrusion of noisy aircraft climbing at full throttle on this single flight path. Planes are allowed to fly over this area from as low as 4000 feet. The Departure Lists show that several flights are already allocated the same time slots for departure from Luton, and the negative impact from this is unacceptable.

I feel that Luton Airport has abused the planning proposals of the airport up until now. Respite routes have been toyed with but never materialised. Quieter planes promised, but this has become another failed plan.

I would, therefore, suggest that no additional flights be allowed until 2028 which is the date when they were supposed to fulfil their original proposal to increase passenger numbers to 18 million.

We know from past events that there is unlikely to be stringent controls or monitoring during any future expansion. The fallout has inflicted much misery on local communities suffering from aircraft noise with no respite (even at 11 miles from the airport).

Yours faithfully

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