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Dear Ms Dowling,

We are emailing in regard to the Examining Authority's commentary on the draft DCO.

One item in particular is of very significant concern to us.

You have adopted, as a working proposal, Luton Rising's demands for an annual cap of 13,000 flights per annum during the sensitive shoulder periods of 23.00-23.30 and 06.00-07.00. To put it into context, this is an average of approximately 35 flights per night/day during these hours, every day/night throughout the year. Or, 23 on average an hour: **that's a flight, on average, each and every 2 minutes 30 seconds** during what are normally accepted as night-time periods.

This is completely unreasonable and unacceptable. Even at its most prolific, in 2019, Luton Airport was pushing out something like 8,500 flights during these shoulder periods. And, at that time, it was to the deep anxiety and concern of tens of thousands of people that were affected by the airport's flights. This is why there has consistently been such strong community opposition to the recent proposals to expand capacity even further.

Many, many residents of the villages and rural areas surrounding the airport live under or close to the flight path but outside the noise insulation zone. We simply cannot get to sleep until very late in the evening, and are awoken very early in the morning with this very high intensity of air traffic over our homes. In many cases, we have no choice but to wait until these flights stop at night before trying to go to sleep and rise as soon as they commence in the morning. It is detrimental to health and quality of life.

We strongly request that your Consultation Draft acknowledges this by recommending that the total number of flights during the two shoulder periods is less than was the case in 2019.

John Worth, on behalf of Stop Low Flights From Luton