

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Luton Airport](#)
Subject: Proposed expansion of Luton Airport
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Dear sir/madam,

I would like to register my objection to the proposed expansion of Luton Airport in the strongest possible terms. We need to be reducing the use of polluting forms of transport, not expanding them, if we are to have any hope of keeping global temperature increases within the 1.5 degrees C limits of the Paris Climate Agreement, to which the UK is a signatory.

The UK already emits far more than its per capita fair share of greenhouse gases, an iniquitous situation that will only be exacerbated by any expansion of airport capacity.

Locally, the proposals will increase air pollution, traffic congestion, noise and light pollution - all of which harm the people and communities already suffering such health hazards under the existing airport's footprint. Flights already keep me and other local residents I have spoken to awake at night, while it is sometimes hard to use a telephone with aircraft overhead or nearby.

The Climate Change Committee has warned that carbon emission reductions in other sectors will be cancelled out by the modelled increase in the UK's airline flight capacity, just when we need to be cutting emissions in all sectors to have any chance of meeting our legally binding emissions reductions, so as to have any chance of reducing the already widespread and increasing harms of climate breakdown. Excess summer temperatures alone have killed thousands of UK citizens, not to mention the harms inflicted on disadvantaged communities around the world by the UK's continuing emissions of CO2, methane and other planet-heating gases.

The idea that aircraft can be 'jet zero' non-polluters is preposterous greenwashing.

The UK government needs to get real, and follow the science - not pander to the selfish short-term financial interests of a small number of companies that are accelerating climate breakdown, with the resultant harms to their own as well as millions of others' security and safety.

Please do the right thing, for the sake of families around the world - if not for the sake of your own nearest and dearest - and reject this application to expand Luton Airport.

Yours sincerely,
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