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I want to register my objection to the proposed expansion of LLA in the strongest possible terms:

- The AD6 change process was non-compliant with regulations and guidelines in relation to informing the population, engaging with residents and addressing feedback. You deliberately hid the 'consultation' during lockdown, released the PIR during a change in government and failed to properly address concerns of residents. Standard template responses to complaints are not engagement, but merely distraction. Your policy of not responding after the first complaint was designed to mute respondents not to engage.

- The AD6 flight change has not been properly implemented. The majority of easterly and southerly approaching flights are not using the Bedford stack as was approved, meaning large flight numbers over tranquil and 'not consulted' areas of Hardwick, Comberton, Coton, Bourne, Cambourne and others. If LLA cannot even implement what was approved during the review period then future behaviour must by suspect.

- The AD6 change results in increased fuel consumption for easterly and southerly arrivals compared to prechange. There is no excuse or reason to do this. In fact the numbers are probably much worse. Using the shortcut southeast of Bedford means excess speed, air braking, changes of throttle and a failure to use continuous descent, all of which consume fuel.

- LLA is the worst performing major airport in the UK on measures such as noise, NO2 and CO2

- Residents over a very large area will be impacted by increased noise. It is recognised that noise pollution is a major issue for residents in a radius of more than 50 miles. While efficiency is the priority over 7000ft you are not permitted to ignore the impact of noise in tranquil areas where ambient noise is particularly low. Below 7000ft increased noise, CO2, NO2 is a straightforward threat to health.

- A stack over the sea option was not considered. No reasoning has been put forward as to why this is the case, despite the obvious benefits to local residents.

LLA is behaving with utter disregard to the health and wellbeing of its neighbours. AD6 must be rejected. Expansion of LLA must be rejected.

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