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**Subject:** Comments as requested in letter of 23rd August regarding DCO Luton Airport Expansion  
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I submit the following comments in response to the request in the letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 on Development Consent for expansion of London Luton Airpor

I refer to the Secretary of State's request for further information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, which specifically refers to noise insulation, and the airport's response which include the following:-

With reference to the submission from London Luton Airport Expansion Project (Reference Number TR020001) in their Response to Secretary of State letter published on the 2nd August 2024, A3.3.4 "A key mitigation measure for **communities that would otherwise experience significant effects on health and quality of life from noise is a full package of noise insulation as described in Section 16.10 of the Environmental Statement (ES)** [TR020001/APP/5.01]. Whilst noise insulation will avoid the significant adverse effects on a community basis (which considers the overall effects on people both inside and outside), the noise insulation itself can only reduce noise levels indoors. Other elements of the noise mitigation hierarchy (such as the Noise Envelope) are therefore relevant for outdoor space and will reduce outdoor air noise as far as reasonably practicable."

This statement is in direct conflict with the Planning Inspectorate's draft response regarding planning for properties selected for noise insulation which, in a letter authorised on behalf of the Secretary of State confirms In section 12 "XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX has been deemed eligible for the London Luton Airport Noise Insulation Scheme (LLANIS) which is intended to address the impact of noise on occupiers of properties. The occupiers of XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX would be eligible for assistance towards double glazed windows in habitable rooms in the form of Upvc windows, secondary glazing and ventilation units. No evidence has been submitted with the XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX regarding the scheme and the noise thresholds used to deem eligibility for inclusion. While eligible for the LLANIS, there is no acoustic report that demonstrates what noise levels are, and that they are at such a level that the existing long standing residential use could not continue in its current form and the property is therefore uninhabitable."

If the Planning Inspectorate does not recognise the selection of properties by the competent body, i.e. Luton Airport, and in particular the competent body's decision based on noise maps that Luton Airport is required to provide and which are adopted by Defra, then the Noise Mitigation that is put in place supposedly to protect the health and well being of residents, is actually mere virtue signalling and not fit for purpose; and the London Luton Airport Expansion Project (Reference Number TR020001), must be turned down.

Yours sincerely

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