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To: [Luton Airport](#)
Subject: Objection to Luton Airport Expansion - request for further information. Interested Party Reference 20037469
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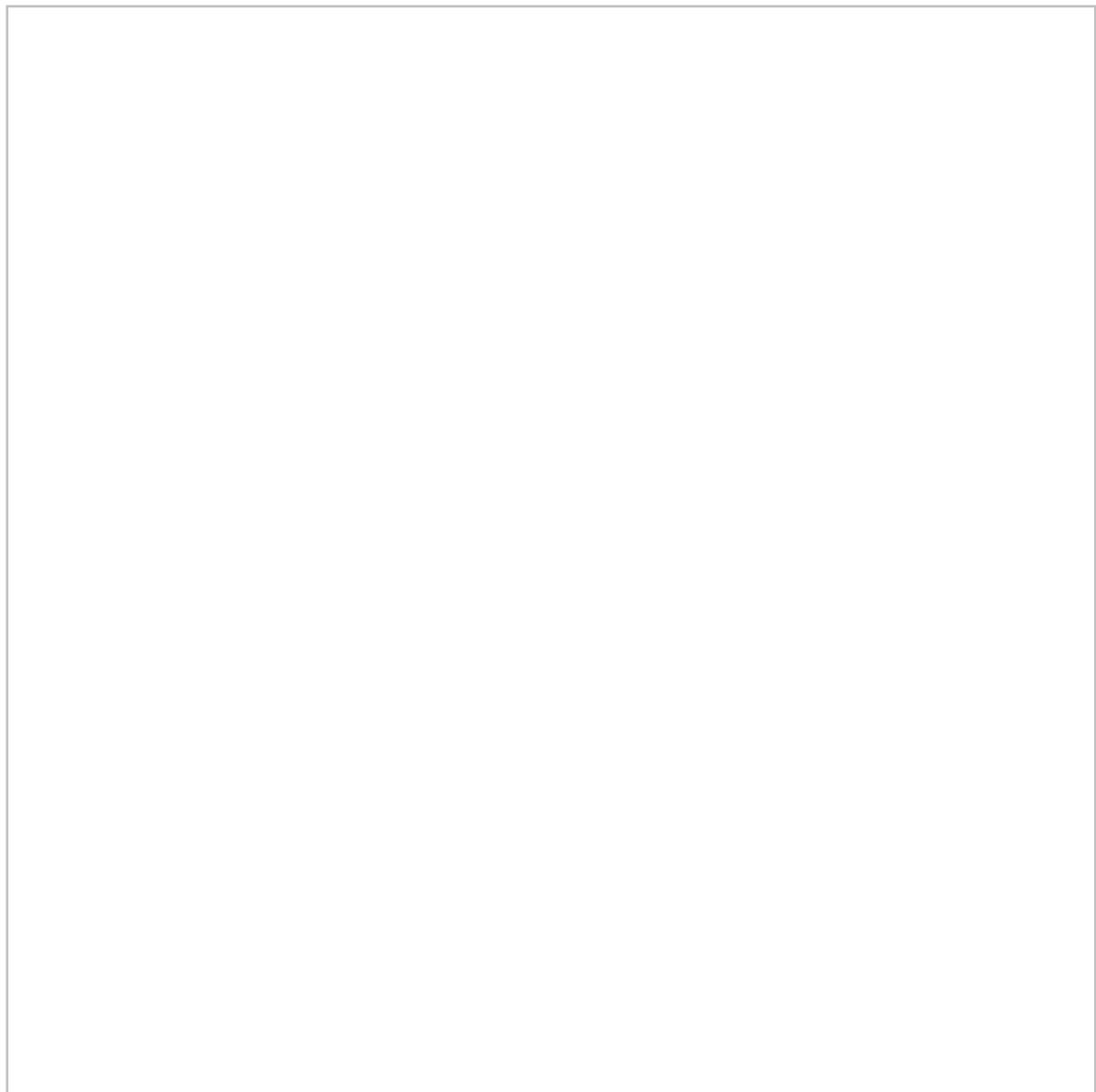
Dear Sirs,

My Interested Party Reference Number: 20037469

My original objection was as follows:

We live in [REDACTED] - so generally we are under the flight path as aircraft take off from Luton airport. The noise starts from early in the morning and continues to late at night. We also can hear the freight flights that leave early in the morning - despite us having double glazing. In the summer when it is hot and we have to have the windows open in the bedrooms, the noise is quite unbearable. This is the case when we are sitting in the garden too. Luton airport is already having a negative impact on our lives and well being. Any expansion would make this even worse.

Aeroplane traffic has a huge impact on the environment in other ways too - not just noise pollution but pollution of the atmosphere. Short haul and domestic flights are the worst offenders. Please see the chart below. With climate change under such scrutiny we believe we should be encouraging less airport usage with fewer flights. Expansion of Luton airport would be totally against this - it would lead to more pollution and greater climate change.



We are consistently surprised by the number of private jets that fly to and from Luton airport. This must be the most inefficient and most polluting form of flight. Two or three jet engines on a small plane and being used to transport a tiny number of wealthy passengers. There is absolutely no need for this. Any expansion of Luton airport would lead to more private flights too. This should not be encouraged.

Finally, the roads and rail infrastructure around the airport are already struggling with the current passenger numbers at busy times even though the airport is so close to the M1 and rail line. Any increase in passenger numbers owing to the expansion would cause more problems and delays again adding to the amount of pollution released by traffic and ultimately speeding climate change.

The expansion of Luton airport must not be allowed to go ahead. We should be discouraging short haul and domestic flights, not encouraging more of them.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition, I have further information I would like to add to strengthen my objection. Amazon

are building a huge "Fulfilment Centre" right by junction 10 of the M1, the same junction used for Luton Airport. There have been road closures in place during construction which have caused much disruption to local traffic. When it is completed it is bound to add to the level of traffic and pollution in an already busy area. Any expansion to Luton Airport can only make matters even worse. The roads and infrastructure are struggling now.

Finally, I use an application on my PC to identify flights taking off and landing at Luton. It is called Airnav Radarbox. During COVID lockdown I was shocked and dismayed to see the increase in use of private jets to and from Luton Airport. The use of private jets is increasing. Please see attached a recent paper published in Communications Earth and Environment, part of the Nature portfolio. It states that there is extensive and increasing private jet travel for leisure purposes with emissions increased by 46% between 2019-2023 and suggests that regulation is need to address this sector's growing climate impact.

We cannot allow the expansion of Luton Airport to go ahead.

Dr Guy Foster.

(and on behalf of the Foster household)