

# POLLUTION, CLIMATE CRISIS & DEATHS...

## ? WHY IS THE COUNCIL IGNORING THE RISKS OF AN INCREASE IN DEATHS IN THE LUTON AREA?

In Luton ~ "86 deaths were attributable to particulate air pollution per annum with 1,004 associated life-years lost" <sup>1</sup>

## ? HOW CAN IT BE RIGHT TO GROW AN INDUSTRY WHICH IS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATHS, DISPLACEMENT & CATASTROPHES AROUND THE WORLD?

"As we have seen this year with tragic effect... sea-level rise and intense tropical storms led to humanitarian...catastrophes" <sup>2</sup>

## ? IS IT LEGAL TO CONSULT ON AN EXPANSION BEFORE ASSESSING WHETHER THIS CAN POSSIBLY STAY IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY OF NET ZERO BY 2050?

"Taking one return flight generates more CO2 than citizens of some countries produce in a year" <sup>3</sup>

## COULDN'T EXPANSION INVESTMENT MONEY INSTEAD BE GOING TOWARDS LIMITING THE IMPACTS OF AUSTERITY?

Council cuts since 2011/12: £113 million. During this time LBC "continue to invest airport concession income back into airport projects, rather than fill this budget shortfall." <sup>4</sup>

## HOW CAN IT MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE TO IGNORE A GROWING CHANGE IN ATTITUDES TOWARDS FLYING AND GAMBLE ON EVERLASTING GROWTH?

In Sweden, as people become more aware of the climate crisis, flight numbers are dropping. "A turnaround in numbers... 3% fewer domestic flights" <sup>5</sup>

## NO JOBS ON A DEAD PLANET... WHAT ABOUT CREATING SUSTAINABLE JOBS, THAT CAN BE COUNTED ON TO LAST?

1) Public Health England Report, quoted in LBC Air Quality Action Plan [democracy.luton.gov.uk/]  
2) World Meteorological Organisation Secretary General Petteri Taalas. 3) theguardian.com - Carbon Calculator  
4) <https://stoplbc.org/review-of-luton-borough-councils-auditors-report/> [LBC - Luton Borough Council]  
5) <http://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2018/11/the-concept-of-flying-shame-is-growing-in-sweden>

## ...WE HAVE QUESTIONS



## STOP EXPANSION STOP ECOCIDE

Aviation is the fastest growing source of pollution  
- expected to account for 25% of emissions by 2050  
Luton is the fastest growing airport in the UK.

"The credibility of offsetting via the Carbon Offsetting Scheme for International Aviation is overstated... It is essential for the airport to recognise that unfettered growth is not an option."

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London - refusing support for London City Airport expansion plans

"We only have the slimmest of opportunities remaining to avoid unthinkable damage"

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change board member Amjad Abdulla

"We have 12 years to radically change behaviour... Governments must make rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society."

United Nations

## Luton Airport Expansion Consultation Response Guide

If you wish to respond to this consultation – bear in mind that both the consultation brochure and the similar on-line form assume that respondents are basically in favour of the expansion. Therefore you may choose to respond by:-

- 1) e-mail with your name and address to [futureluton@llal.org.uk](mailto:futureluton@llal.org.uk) or
- 2) letter to FREEPOST FUTURE LUTON LLAL

If you prefer to use the official consultation brochure/form, consider writing '**No Expansion**' in all the boxes except the last where you can make the points as suggested below.

Whichever method you choose, the points you might want to make are in the '**Airport Expansion is Terminal**' leaflet with this guide. Please, also or instead, add your own personal points.