

We, the undersigned, call for the Development Consent Order to expand London Luton Airport to be approved.

The development of the airport to handle 32 mppa would deliver significant economic benefits and help address unacceptable levels of deprivation in Luton. As businesses based in the town and across the wider region, we recognise the importance of the airport for our success and that of neighbouring communities.

The expansion of London Luton Airport would add 11,000 new jobs at the airport and in the supply chain across the region, with around 4,800 directly in Luton. This would deliver fair, high-quality and well-paid jobs that are on average 34% higher than the national average wage. The proposals would contribute around £1.3 billion in additional GDP across the three counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire and £1.5 billion nationally.

Through its owner Luton Rising, London Luton Airport is also the UK's most socially impactful airport, with £300 million provided to support vital front-line services since 1998, together with an additional £180 million for vital voluntary, community and charitable organisations. This is all on top of the significant supply chain and wider economic investment the airport delivers locally. When the airport thrives, so does Luton and the wider region.

We do not want growth to come at the expense of the environment and climate change, and therefore we fully support Luton Rising's aims to become one of the greenest airports in the UK. The expansion proposals detail how Luton Rising wants rigorous environmental constraints through a unique initiative called the Green Controlled Growth (GCG) Framework. We welcome these proposed sustainability measures which promise to be some of the most far-reaching commitments to minimise environmental impacts ever put forward by a UK airport.

Our aviation industry is at the centre of economic, social, and environmental transition on a world stage. Enabling sustainable airport expansion will help establish the UK as a leader in this space and we strongly believe that the expansion proposals of London Luton Airport can help pave the way.

As local and regional businesses and employers, we believe that London Luton Airport is vital for the economic growth of this region and we therefore fully support the expansion of our local airport. We would ask you to consider the strong support from businesses when making your decision about the London Luton Airport expansion proposals.

Yours sincerely,