



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

4th April 2019

Dear Mrs Lewis,

RE: Luton Borough Council Planning Application 17/02300/EIA – Airport Way – Century Park Luton Bedfordshire

I trust this letter is well received.

I write to you today outlining my objection to the proposed application for outline permission of a new business park at Airport Way, Century Park, Luton, Bedfordshire. Local residents across my constituency have outlined their deep concern for this development and I wholeheartedly agree with them that this development will detrimentally affect our local area. I see no real attempts to address their concerns and to mitigate any of the issues continuously presented.

My constituents are deeply concerned by the approval of this planning application by Luton Borough Council.

The proposed access road and increase of usage of the site that sits literally yards from my constituency will propel congestion and traffic through several small villages, inside precious Green Belt land, in my constituency. This application purports to address infrastructure needs, but it only addresses those needs in Luton and Bedfordshire and offers very little mitigation or improvements in the neighbouring North Hertfordshire District (in my constituency). Put simply, if this development is built it will cripple the infrastructure in the local area.

This development will eradicate the Wigmore Valley Park, a park that several Parish Councils in my constituency consider an Asset of Community Value and is a designated country wildlife site.

My constituents have time and again been ignored as they have warned about the deleterious effect of this application, if successful. Through consultation they have highlighted the negative affects this will bring to our local areas, yet no sufficient mitigation has been offered.

The proposed application will greatly impact the already strained infrastructure in North Hertfordshire, particularly around the local villages outside of Luton. There is already a great deal of congestion at peak travel times through the area and the steep increase of traffic will only deepen the problem. This application addresses the necessary infrastructure improvements in Bedfordshire but fails to comprehend how it will solve the matter for local communities in my constituency who will seemingly burden the increase in traffic for no benefit.

The development of Wigmore Valley Park and on Green Belt land will clearly have adverse effects on our local environment. Parish Councils in North Hertfordshire have highlighted that they nominate Wigmore Valley Park as an *Asset of Community Value*, hence the communities that I represent will lose a treasured community asset. Designs to have this replaced look inadequate and everyone will lose a wonderful park for an artificial construction which offer very little to the local habitat.

Century Park and its association with the current proposed Luton Airport Expansion will not only change the local environment forever but will affect the entire surrounding area for generations. The increase in noise, pollution and destruction of the environment will leave a lasting impact of which I see little

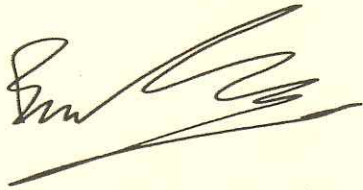
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mitigation being offered to our communities. I am concerned by the continuously changing plans which in turns does not allow enough time for local residents to address their concerns.

I thank you for your time in reading this letter and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. M. ...', written in a cursive style.