

Planning Working Party Report Feb 2022

Cllr Neil Burns

Luton Airport latest consultation

London Luton Airport Limited LLAL have changed their name to Luton Rising. Subsequent to their last consultation for an increase to the airport size they are commencing a further consultation.

Two presentations were organised for the benefit of Local and Parish Councils. KPC Planning Working Party attended a session upon the 27th January 2022. The presentation was given by Chris Hall and Antony Aldridge of Luton Borough Council. St Ippolyts PC were also represented by Louisa Knapp.

Key points.

1. The previous LBC preferred scheme has been revised but is still to a capacity of 32m passengers/yr.
2. The revised scheme is £1billion lower in cost.
3. The revised scheme has less impact on Widmore Park.
4. The revised scheme has 2/3 of the lorry movements to enable construction.
5. A separate body (ESG) is proposed to be set up to monitor the achievements of LR. This is proposed to offer some independent control. This was questioned as LBC will be a member. More information required.
6. Contributions to the community were stated as being £25k last year and would expect to increase to £1m by 2027. (The first number sounded wrong and more detail is required)
7. I had previously tabled two questions requesting confirmation that noise and pollution levels would not exceed those allowable by planning constraints existing in 2019. (i.e. Before they applied for relaxation). They said they would answer this question but appeared to then answer a different question in a non-defined way.
8. They asked that we trust them. I explained that as they had failed to meet previous planning requirements and had subsequently sought to change those conditions that trust would not be easy.
9. They said slides would be made available. They have not materialised at this time.
10. Open days at local locations including Beachwood Green and Whitwell 19 March are planned.

A Planning Application is intended this year.

The White Horse

Further to receipt of the correspondence from the 'Save our White Horse' group I would request that an item be placed upon the February KPC meeting with a proposed resolution for the Council to consider.

Proposed resolution.

It is proposed that KPC write to NHC to register our support for the issue of an urgent works or repair notice to the owner of the listed building at 22 The High Street (The White Horse), Kimpton to safe guard this asset of community value.