



Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning Application UTT/18/0460/FUL

Hatfield Heath Parish Council writes to oppose the current planning application by MAG to increase the number of passenger's at Stansted Airport from 35mppa to 43mppa on the basis of Environmental impact, Noise impact, Air Pollution and Health impact issues.

Below we detail our points further:-

We understand in July 2019 that UDC resolved to declare a climate emergency and committed to achieving net zero carbon status by 2030.

Our Parish Council does not understand how allowing Stansted Airport to increase its passenger throughput to 43mppa and by definition increasing the number of flights and associated travel to and from the airport can be in keeping to such a statement.

We are also concerned about current emissions of Fine Carbon Particles (PM2.5) which according to new research published in Nov 2019 confirms previously known associations with respiratory and Cardiovascular diseases. Increasing the capacity of the Airport, which by definition will increase the number of flights will only result in contributing more Fine Carbon Particles in the air for local residents to breathe in.

We fully understand that the planning proposal was based on Ryanair replacing their current fleet with the Boeing 737 Max by 2028 which has a larger passenger capacity and is deemed to be more fuel efficient and hence more environmentally friendly.

However, with this model of plane being grounded on safety issues it would seem logical that Noise and Pollution impacts need to be re-assessed based on the current fleet.

As a Parish Council we have always corresponded and questioned flights which appear to be lower and fly directly over the village adding to the Noise Pollution.

Such flights seem to be more and more frequent.

We are lead to understand that currently there is no supplementary assessment to address the 'WHO' noise guidelines as part of the current application which you would think is a minimum requirement to identify those affected.

In addition to the above we are concerned about the additional car journey's that will be required taking additional passengers to and from the airport. Traffic through our village at times can be congested and we continually write to highways with respect to the failing condition of the roads in respect to pot holes, standing water and general condition. The prospect of additional passengers will almost certainly create additional traffic to the roads and create additional wear and tear and 'Car Pollution' for all of the local residents.

Yours faithfully,

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