

## Hilton Parish Council

### **Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

#### **External Audit**

The External Audit has been completed and the report received which shows no matters raised by the auditor. A copy of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review (AGAR) including the External Audit report can be found on the Council's website – [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com)

#### **Ford Signs**

Cambridgeshire County Council have advised that the warning signs for cyclists should be installed in November. (Post-meeting note: These signs have now been installed.)

#### **Budget**

Hilton Parish Council have agreed their budget for the financial year 2021/22. A copy of the budget can be found on the Council's website.

#### **Precept**

Due to the financial pressure to parishioners caused by COVID-19, Hilton Parish Council have resolved not to increase their precept for the year 2021/22. The precept will remain the same at £30,600.

#### **Christmas Lights**

A parishioner has volunteered to source and install Christmas lights on the pavilion within the Council's budget of £200. The Parish Council have gratefully accepted this offer.

#### **Bus Stop Library**

The Council's insurers have confirmed that there is no issue with the Council installing a library cupboard in the village bus stop. The Council are looking for a donation of a suitable cupboard with shelves and doors that could be installed in the bus stop. If you have a cupboard that you would like to donate please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council – [clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com)

#### **Hemingford Grey Quarry**

The quarry at Hemingford Grey is reopening and Hilton Parish Council are looking into the effects that this may have on HGV traffic through Hilton. The Clerk is going to investigate and provide the Council with further information.

#### **London Luton Arrival Routes – NATS Consultation**

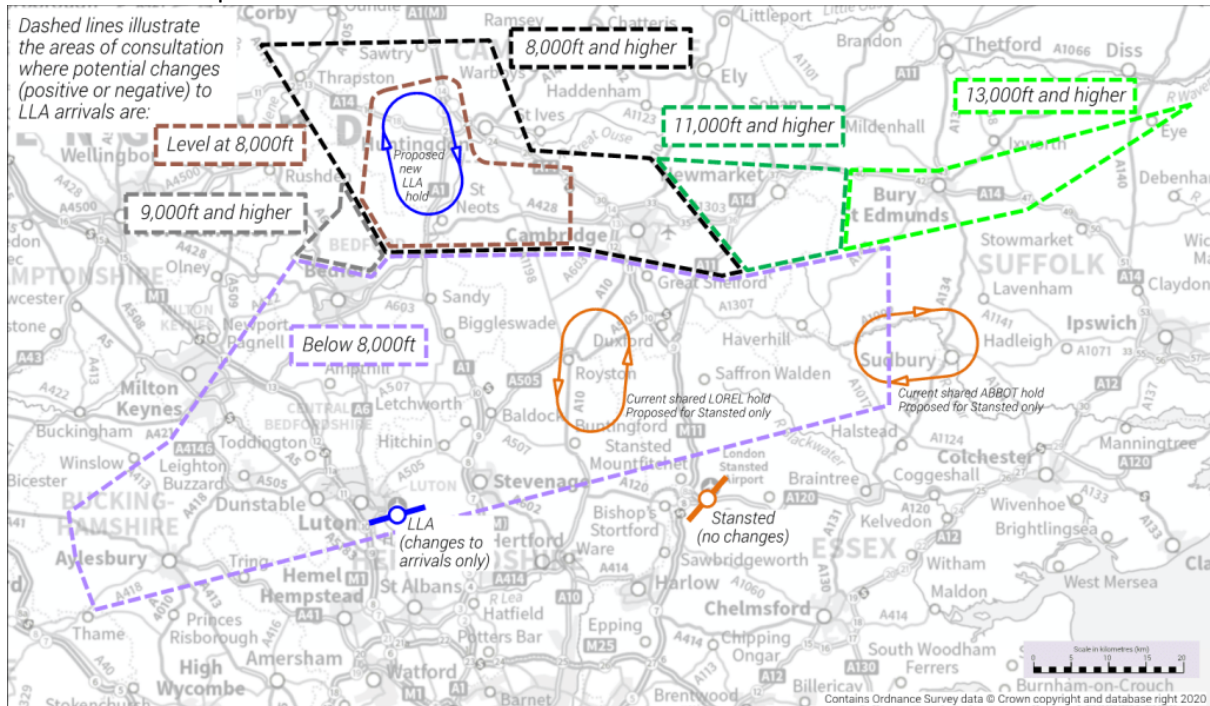
A public consultation has been launched as part of a proposal to change the arrival routes into London Luton Airport. This proposal is jointly sponsored by London Luton Airport and NATS (Air Traffic Control).

Currently, Stansted and Luton airports share arrival holds and routes. It is unique for two major airports of this size to share arrival routes, and the two airports are now handling much more traffic than the airspace was designed for.

The 'AD6 arrivals change' proposal will separate the arrival flows for the two airports and establish a new hold for Luton traffic. Both Stansted and Luton currently suffer from knock-on delays where any delay at one airport, either in the air or on the ground, impacts the other and can cause further delay, noise, and emissions. Separating the routes will maintain a safe and predictable path into each airport and reduce these knock-on delays.

Despite the current crisis this airspace is some of the busiest and most congested in Europe, and the proposed change will ensure Luton airspace operates effectively and efficiently into the future. This consultation is an opportunity for residents to help shape that proposal.

As the proposed flight paths are to the south, there is likely to be little impact in Huntingdonshire. However, the plans also include a new holding pattern for the airport which is intended to be over the south-western corner of Huntingdonshire (broadly circling round the line of the A1 from St Neots to Alconbury). The intention is that aircraft in the holding zone will be flying at a height of over 8,000 feet and the consultation document sets out a position that this will not present a nuisance, either in terms of noise or pollution.



NATS stakeholder mapping indicates that Hilton may be affected by this proposal.

This consultation will run until 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The formal consultation website can be accessed at [https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6\\_luton\\_arrivals/](https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/)

Further information can be found within the Virtual Exhibition, in which there are videos, banners, downloadable materials, and a postcode look up tool. Individuals can also sign up to live webinars through the virtual exhibition.

Cllr Peter Balicki of Hilton Parish Council will be attending a NATS consultation meeting and will provide a report to the December meeting of Hilton Parish Council to allow the Council to formulate their response to this consultation.

### Rotary Club Santa

Hilton Parish Council have approved a request from the Rotary Club of St Ives for their Santa Sleigh to visit Hilton, lockdown permitting. The Council have thanked the Rotary Club for their hard work in formulating their COVID-secure plans.

### Royal British Legion

Regretfully, the Chair of the Parish Council was unable to lay the customary wreath at the Remembrance Service this year, but the Parish Council have donated £60 to the Royal British Legion.

### Policies

Hilton Parish Council have adopted a Training and Development Policy and a Lone Working Policy. Copies of the up to date policies can be found on the Parish Council website.

**Green Open Spaces**

Hilton Parish Council have accepted the offer from the current Maintenance Contractor to extend his contract for one year. The Council have approved the principle of establishing a small copse of trees north of Wraggs Row at the entrance to the Wilderness. The Green Open Spaces Working Group have been looking into the repairs required to the village hall car park and hope to present quotes to the next meeting. The Council have agreed to purchase 10 lavender plants to rejuvenate the village garden.

**Hilton Summer Ball**

Hilton Parish Council have granted permission to the Hilton Ball Committee to hold the Hilton Summer Ball on the Green on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

**Bonfire Service**

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown regulations Hilton Parish Council have had to postpone their bonfire service to parishioners until such time as the regulations allow them to proceed.

**Website Domain**

The website domain transfer is now complete, and the domain is now owned by Hilton Parish Council.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via Zoom. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com). Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.*