

Cllr Ian Bates
Cambridgeshire County Council



Thursday, 17 December 2020

Dear Ian,

Hilton Parish Council has concerns regarding the proposal to relocate the holding stack for London Luton Airport and more specifically the effects the new flight path for aircraft approaching from the east to join the stack will have on our local environment.

As you are aware, Hilton is now experiencing increased noise levels following the opening of the new A14 southern bypass, which is within 800m of the village. The consultation indicates that aircraft over Hilton at 8,000ft will produce 55dB of noise but there is no indication in the consultation report of any comparative measures of the noise pollution from both the new road and the new flight path.

There is little indication in the consultation regarding the effect on air quality, which is an issue that Hilton Parish Council would like further information regarding. Hilton Parish Council also has concerns regarding the dual effects on air quality of the A14 southern bypass and the proposed overflying aircraft.

Hilton Parish Council is concerned with the lack of consultation into these changes and the appearance that this is a 'fait accompli'. Richard Fuller MP, in his letter dated 10 November 2020, has already stated that Luton Borough Council receive financial benefits from London Luton Airport but the other areas that will be affected by this proposal, like Hilton, receive no benefit at all.

Hilton Parish Council would appreciate sight of the response from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding this consultation by mid-January to allow the Council to formulate its official response to the consultation at the February meeting of the Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "webster".

Nicola Webster
Clerk to Hilton Parish Council