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Hearing Matter Statement: Matter 10 - Luton & Cockernhoe - North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031

Why wasn't the most highly controversial and vast project of national infrastructural significance in the whole of East Anglia even been mentioned in the Local Plan?

This is an outrage! How can the Plan ignore such a reality!?

This plan includes:-

- 7,200 local jobs and consequential traffic! – 7200 jobs would mean 14,000 extra vehicle movements a day!!
- A new 1.6-mile dual carriageway access road which has been undeliverable for over 20 years
- Removal of existing Wigmore Valley Park – which is an ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE AND HAS A WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ZONE. THEY WANT TO DESTROY IT.

If you go to <https://www.llal.org.uk/LLAL-NCP.html> you will see that London Luton Airport/ which is wholly owned by Luton Borough Council, has submitted a planning application.

Their website states this:

“We are bringing forward New Century Park as part of the new [London Luton Airport Enterprise Zone](#), supported by [SEMLEP](#), which in total will deliver up to 7,200 new jobs and inward investment to support economic growth across the sub-region.”

“Local planning authority consultation

The local planning authority is now undertaking formal consultation on the application, including press and site notices. Residents can view the planning application and provide comments on it by visiting the [planning applications website](#)<<https://planning.luton.gov.uk/online-applications>> and entering the planning reference 17/02300/EIA.”

Considering the sheer scale of the project, the fact that NHDC Local Plan has ignored this and gives zero information about it is utterly shocking. Absolutely UNSOUND!

LLAL/ LBC intend to start this huge project BEFORE the East Luton site's developers have even said that they can start building the EAST LUTON 2,100!

They state the following Timetable:

“Subject to planning approval being received, work on improvements to Wigmore Valley Park, and to deliver the new replacement public open space, could start in 2018 and be fully complete during 2019.

Work on the road could begin in summer 2018, and conclude in 2020.

Commercial development would be brought forward in several phases, with the first businesses scheduled to be in place during 2021, or earlier.

All of the development and the replacement public open space would be within the borough of Luton.”

– I suggest that the Inspector try to attend the following event; so he might hear a few snippets upon the grapevine, since NHDC and LBC have left him out of the loop SO ENTIRELY on this. How can a Local Plan sound that DOES NOT INCLUDE THIS?!!

“Public exhibition, Wednesday 31 January, Raynham Way Community Centre

LLAL is holding a public exhibition on the submitted plans. This is not a formal consultation event, but is being organised in order to allow residents and businesses to be fully informed of the submitted application and the changes made since significant public consultation that took place last year.

The event will be on Wednesday 31 January 2018, from 5-9pm, at Raynham Way Community Centre, 66 Eaton Green Road, Luton LU2 9JE.

Officers from the project team will be on hand to make sure people are well informed about how they can provide comments to the local planning authority about the application.

Anyone with any questions about the drop-in session, or who would like to talk to a member of the project team, can contact us either by email to newcenturypark@glhearn.com or by phone on 0344 225 003.”

The exhibition boards displayed at that time are still available at:

<https://www.llal.org.uk/Documents/New%20Century%20Park%20proposals%20-%20public%20exhibition.pdf>

New Century Park



Aerial view of London Luton Airport and the Enterprise Zone (click image to view)

London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL) is pleased to announce it has submitted a planning application aimed at bringing 3,200 new jobs to a previously undelivered key employment site east of London Luton Airport.

LLAL is a key partner delivering the ambitious £1.5bn Luton Investment Framework aimed at transforming Luton and improving people’s lives over the next 20 years.

2017 consultation

As part of the pre-application process, in 2017 we held two stakeholder workshops in February, three public exhibitions in March and hosted a static display of the plans from 30 March to 10 May to outline the proposals and gather feedback from the community.