

Cllr. Diane Moles Hearing Statement Matter 10 east of Luton proposed site allocations 7th February, 2018

This is a request to speak on Matter 10, Week 5, Wednesday am 7th February 2018 Countryside and Green Belt

As a Councillor for the Wigmore Ward of Luton that is adjacent to The East of Luton proposals to destroy valuable Green Belt, I would ask you to consider the following concerns I have.

- a) It will cause a drastic loss of Agricultural land, woodland and consequently the habitat for wildlife.
The area of North Hertfordshire and East Luton will become a vastly overpopulated area.
Green space is vital for people's wellbeing and relaxation.
Destruction of this land and the replacement of it in other areas in North Hertfordshire is inappropriate as it will not accommodate the needs of people in the existing Green Belt.
- b) It is Government Policy not to use the Green Belt unless completely necessary. Green Belt land should not be built on when in many areas i.e. Luton, where the Council appear to not be taking into consideration the Brown Field sites available along with countless Office Blocks waiting for conversion to flats and houses that also lay empty.
- c) The high toxic fumes inhaled by the young children and adults too in everyday life makes the Green Belt even more important.
- d) Why, instead of losing beautiful villages to vast housing, isn't it possible to extend the existing conurbations by a small increase of housing around them to ease the housing problem. This would then not destroy the character of the villages and save the communities.

This is a request to speak on Matter 10, Week 5, Wednesday am
7th February 2018 on Design including Air Quality

- a) Air Quality certainly has not been taken into consideration with regard to East of Luton. There have not been any thorough Air Quality monitoring in the area with regards to roads and Aircraft pollution. Wigmore Lane is a rat run to the M1 and the Airport. I have seen no plans for new roads to cope with this. Why should we have more large roads across our Green Belt causing further Pollution?
- b) Luton Airport is expanding faster than it can cope with at the moment, with Aircraft taking off day and night. Airport traffic will increase to 38m passengers over the coming years.
- c) Noise pollution is of great concern to residents now and when the North Hertfordshire Planners consider the extra houses East of Luton have they included Aircraft Noise and Pollution in their Calculations?
- d) Up to the present time the air quality test around the Airport have not tested for the following chemicals:
 - Sulphur Dioxide
 - Carbon Dioxide
 - Nitrogen Oxide NO₂

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- a) On the site East of Luton. I have not seen very much on any form of infrastructure. Adjacent Wigmore Ward, Luton already overpopulated with the loss of park land for children to play. The Library was taken away, Doctor's Surgeries are full, 1 Supermarket that cannot cope with parking for shoppers and all Schools are at capacity now. I know there is a through School on the plan but that will not cope with a possible 2,000 pupils. I have seen no signs of a Fire Station, Police Station. or tidy tip. Where are all these people going when they are ill or need a Hospital. The Luton and Dunstable and Lister Hospitals are full now with patients and long waiting lists.
- b) I am very concerned when transport is mentioned. Firstly, the roads in the area are only lanes and unable to take large vehicles. The current bus services are well spaced out and as I have sadly found out bus companies decide their own routes. The Council cannot impose them. It will be very much back to the car. I have yet to see new estates around the Country where the roads are not clogged with cars and vans. Despite whatever Planners/Developers say regarding cycling, walking and getting a bus to work or walking the children to school, I have yet to see it happen.