



# HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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**Town Mayor – Councillor Mrs Nicola Linacre**

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Mr Glyn Jones  
Managing Director  
London Luton Airport Operations Ltd  
Navigation House, Airport Way  
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Date: 17 January 2013

Ref: NL/PS/E19/32566

Dear Mr Jones

**Re: Planning Application to increase capacity to support 18 million passengers per annum**

Having had our first opportunity to consider your recent application to Luton Borough Council, Harpenden Town Council is concerned that you have decided not to submit the application to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with the decision making process for Nationally significant Infrastructure Projects.

The scheme to improve M1 Junction 10A has been accepted as a national infrastructure project and the examination in public into the proposals has commenced and is due to finish in May 2013.

We consider that many of our residents will view it as perverse if the improvement of a roundabout specifically designed to accommodate road traffic resulting from the airport's expansion is treated as national infrastructure, while the actual increase in capacity to provide for a near doubling of passenger volumes at the UK's fifth largest airport is not.

Are you able to share with the Council the basis for your decision?

Yours sincerely

Councillor Mrs Nicola Linacre  
**Town Mayor**

Copy to:

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