

COUNCIL  
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**TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 4.8.12**

The following amendment to a motion has been submitted.

**Motion on proposed Expansion of London Luton Airport**

On 24 May 2024, the then Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon. Mark Harper, delivered a written statement to Parliament announcing the deadline would be extended from 10 August 2024 to 4 October 2024 for a decision to be made regarding whether to grant a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the construction of a new passenger terminal and aircraft stands at London Luton Airport, thereby allowing passenger capacity to increase from 18 million per annum to 32 million.

The stated reason for this decision is as follows: *"This is due to the General Election and to allow appropriate time for any new Secretary of State to consider the applications. The department will however endeavour to issue decisions ahead of the deadlines above wherever possible"*.

Following the General Election and the appointment of a new Secretary of State for Transport, a decision on whether to grant a DCO is now expected imminently.

**We note that Council agreed a similar motion proposed by Chris Lucas in January 2024 and the under the last government, the Conservative Secretary of State already agreed to increase the number of passengers at Luton Airport by 1 million from 18 to 19 million per year.**

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Therefore, Council resolves that the Leader of the Council writes **once again** to the Secretary of State for Transport urging them not to grant a Development Consent Order, as well as stating that North Hertfordshire District Council continues to oppose any further expansion of London Luton Airport in the strongest possible terms, and remains of the opinion there are no conditions that can be applied to the application to make it acceptable.

Council further resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the Member of Parliament for Hitchin, the Member of Parliament for North East Hertfordshire and the Member of Parliament for Stevenage, urging them to call on the Secretary of State for Transport to reject the proposal allowing London Luton Airport to expand, as well as to use their role as an MP representing residents in North Hertfordshire to secure Parliamentary scrutiny of the proposed expansion.

Amendment proposed by: Councillor Chris Lucas

Amendment seconded by: Councillor Sam Collins