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TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11(b), one question was submitted by Members by the deadline date for questions set out in the Council's Constitution.

(A) London Luton Airport

Councillor David Barnard to Councillor Paul Clark (Executive Member for Planning and Transport):

"Luton Airport Ltd announced its intention to apply for major infrastructure increases, including a second terminal, to facilitate the passenger numbers to be increased from 18 million passengers to 32 million passengers per annum, along with increased freight and private aircraft movements.

There was an extensive programme of presentations to the public, and an eight week consultation period, looking for public approval, which closed on the 16th December 2019.

Considering that there has been:

- No final decision at Government level, on the proposal to build a third runway at Heathrow, and Stansted Airport's published expansion plans. Either of these events will lead to an urgent need for re-arranging the airspace over the South of England and nearby European airspace.
- No demonstration of how to prevent the inevitable massive increase in airborne and ground pollution,
- No proposed solution and financial contribution to allay the totally inadequate roads infrastructure through North Herts.
- No guarantees that there will be legally enforceable night-time flight restrictions, despite the calculations that there will be 240,000 flights per annum
- No justification to the expectation that North Herts' Green Belt will be rolled back to accommodate the expansion of Wigmore Park, car parks, and fuel storage.
- And many other unresearched implications such as the protection of our delicate water aquifers, drainage, inevitable damage to the lifestyles and peaceful existence of our village communities. (Double glazing and insulation will be ineffective in the busy summer months, when residents will want to use their gardens, and have windows open!).

Does the Executive member, and the administration, consider that, at the least, this consultation was premature, and agree that there must be absolute opposition to this expansion programme, in agreement with our neighbours at Hertfordshire County Council, and other neighbouring Councils?"