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Dear Sirs
RE: STANSTED AIRPORT SCOPING DOCUMENT

Felsted Parish Council has requested more time to fully review the document. However, in the light of the current closing date we are submitting the below response now.

We believe that the scoping document from Stansted Airport, outlining their intention to submit a full planning application to increase passenger numbers and flights, is premature and should not be progressed to a full application at this time.

- There are too many outstanding issues, which the airport has thus far failed to manage and address, and which, in our opinion, must be resolved before any consideration is given to increasing passenger limits. In the last year the airport has seen a 10 fold increase in noise complaints due to the changes in flightpath usage introduced in February 2016, illustrating just how much of an adverse impact the airport has on the communities overflowed by its flightpaths. With the 12 month review of these flightpath changes still awaited, and likely delayed, the airport has thus far made no proposals whatsoever to help the communities impacted by the increases in noise.
- In addition, the airport's scoping document states that "It should be noted that at this time no significant adverse environmental effects are predicted as a consequence of the proposed development". This statement demonstrates the true lack of appreciation and understanding on the part of the airport for the levels of pollution, both noise and environmental, which would be generated by the additional 100,000 flights a year.
- Stansted's belief that 100,000 flights will cause no adverse environmental effects on the communities around it simply shows that it does not have a grasp on its own impact and cannot be trusted to progress this proposal without an independent review.

Felsted Parish Council strongly believes that a full resolution to the increased noise disruption inflicted on those under the Clacton flightpaths, as a result of the February 2016 flightpath usage changes should, in collaboration with communities, be agreed and instigated, before any discussions are entered into for any further increases in allowable flight numbers.

Furthermore, against the background of Stansted still not using the increase in passenger numbers approved in 2008, there are currently a number of key airspace consultations underway, including into night flights and airspace management. With these consultations likely to call for higher levels of community engagement and consultation, the timing of this scoping document has the air of Stansted trying to get their planning application in before the rules for community engagement become more onerous.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diane Smith".

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