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Dear Sir,

Ref: Disussion re: North Herts. Plan Examination re: Air pollution in areas EL1-3

Although the only area of the town not to have air pollution monitoring, the east of Luton has high levels of air pollution. Much of this is due to the amount of traffic and congestion of traffic, particularly where arteries such as Stopsley Way, Vauxhall Way and Airport Way cross town route to the M.1. cross roads like Crawley Green Road and Eaton Green Road; as well as from the traffic both on land and in the air arriving at and leaving Luton Airport.

This level of pollution can be expected to rise with:

- the planned airport expansion, trebling the amount of traffic from recent levels,

- the large site being developed in the area of the Vauxhall plant, bringing

resident, employment and shopping traffic,

- in Century Park which will bring much employment and business traffic to this part of Luton, and deplete the open space land close to the built up area, forcing leisure space to the countryside beyond, rather than providing the existing green lung to mitigate the effects of air pollution between the airport and built up area.

- the planned development within the east Luton and North Hertfordshire boundary area (EL1-3) will greatly increase the air pollution in the above area by totally engulfing Cockernhoe and Wandon End removing their green belt, increasing the existing space between east Luton and the air pollution reducing countryside, and by significantly increasing the traffic between the new development and east Luton. Traffic movements from over 2000 houses twice a day as people travel for work or for any shopping, as well as the extra traffic for deliveries and servicing these people will increase the air pollution risks to the health of residents of east Luton and within the new development. The decision by developers to concentrate the area of highest density

housing with its higher pollution producing possibilities closest to the Luton boundary makes this an even more worrying development for the people of eastern Luton.

Preserving designated green areas at the edge of an existing large urban area is vital to provide the green lung for residents, as it is so difficult to see the creation of new open areas within urban sprawls large enough to be useful. To move that edge even further away from the town centre may be seen to endanger the health of all living in the urban area.

Yours faithfully

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