



HOW TO RESPOND TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION

3 April deadline (but see below...)

We are asking our members to object **NOW** to the latest plans to expand Stansted Airport so that views are formally registered with the local planning authority, Uttlesford District Council (UDC).

Planning Application by Stansted Airport Limited, Reference: UTT/18/0460/FUL

Description: Airfield works comprising two new taxiway links to the existing runway (a Rapid Access Taxiway and a Rapid Exit Taxiway), six additional remote aircraft stands and three additional aircraft stands at the Echo Apron) to enable combined airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and a throughput of 43 million terminal passengers, in a 12-month calendar period. For full documentation see: www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/4490/Key-documents-for-the-Stansted-Airport-application

The wholly unreasonably short deadline for public comments of 3 April set by UDC seems deliberately intended to minimise the opportunity for proper public scrutiny of this complex, 2,930-page planning application. It is nevertheless vital that you make clear how you would be affected by the application which seeks permission for an annual throughput of 43 million passengers, compared to 25.9 million passengers last year. The number of flights would also increase - from 189,900 last year to 274,000. This represents a 66% increase in passengers and a 44% increase in flights compared to last year's levels. Even if your comments arrive after UDC's arbitrary 3 April deadline (which has no force in law), this will still help. SSE is challenging UDC's timescale for response and seeking call-in of the application by the Secretary of State.

HOW TO LODGE A COMMENT

1. To make a comment (examples of what others have written are at the web-link in the box above):
 - Do it online at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/planning
 - Email stanstedairportplanningapplication@uttlesford.gov.uk
 - Write to UDC, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER
2. Please quote the planning reference **UTT/18/0460/FUL**, giving your name, address and postcode.
3. Copy in your local MP and councillor. Go to <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/> to find your MP's email address. Your councillor's email address can be found on your local council website. For example, email addresses for Uttlesford councillors can be found at <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/councillors>.
4. Prepare separate, different responses for members of your household each with their own account.

WHAT TO WRITE

5. Explain your concerns in the context of how you are already impacted by the airport:
 - This might be daytime noise and/or night flights, traffic congestion and rat runs, air quality, fly parking, litter, general sense of loss of quality of life and community character... and more.
 - Current and expected impacts will vary depending where you live but even if you are at some distance from the airport it is valuable to show how wide ranging the airport's impacts can be.
 - Give a very specific account of how you suffer at present and how this would worsen with any further increase in permitted numbers
 - Make it clear that you object to the planning application and want the council to refuse it.

Telling your own story will have much more power than the standard template and automatic emails that the chief executive of Stansted Airport is using to lean on his staff, customers, contractors, suppliers and others to post bulk email messages of support on the UDC website. SSE has identified that many of these messages of support have been gathered through underhand means via rogue websites, airport parking surveys and false promises of sound insulation by just ticking a box.

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Please note that email contact enables us to respond faster as the office is only manned part-time.