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What's happening about the Airport Re-Development? The question Local People are asking.

LAAG are selfishly trying to slow down the progress of the re-development by using misleading and false arguments. Extremely well funded (we wonder who by?) they would have you believe they are the only group who are right!!

Their misleading statements & paid for reports, fly in the face of the reports & views of *all the authorities* who are involved or responsible for the *safety and suitability* of the application for re-development.

These are The Civil Aviation Authority, the Nuclear Inspectorate, The Government of the UK, Kent County and Shepway District Councils, (the development of Lydd Airport is in both of their structure plans), The Channel Chamber of Commerce, the Environment Agency, (who have recently withdrawn their objection).

This bunch of "Luddites" & "NIMBY'S" do not want to see anything happen on the Marsh, a *Louise Barton* quote "JOBS FOR LOCALS ARE NOT MY CONCERN"

How very community spirited of her!! Of course "she" doesn't need a job, unlike all the Local unemployed (up 50% in the last year) & children of the Romney Marsh, who desperately need the decent career prospects offered by the re-development of Lydd Airport.

Louise Barton and LAAG are standing in the way of both yours and your children's future. FLAG believe that they try to use nuclear power safety (not truth) against the airport, with their lack of concern for the local community and local jobs, they will then use the airport against a new nuclear plant. Is this their next protest? **Write to the papers & your Shepway Councillors and voice your support for the future of Lydd Airport and jobs for the Romney Marsh.**

A Public Enquiry? Why?

FLAG ridicules Public Inquiry. FLAG's Chairman Bob Jones has poured scorn on calls for a public inquiry into the development of Lydd Airport. "This is just Plane Stupid" he said at a recent meeting, making play on the minority anti aviation group. "With overseas investment coming into the area creating quality jobs this strident minority are banana's" (Build absolutely nothing anywhere near anyone)



After many hours spent pouring over the last Public Enquiry documents, FLAG's view is that there have been no questions asked that have not been dealt with by the last enquiry. Do we need to spend another £50 million for no new information? "LAAG seem to want to make the area into God's waiting room"! "People have to realise that nothing has changed since the last enquiry, except the airport has one less runway, the power station has one less reactor, and the aircraft are much quieter"!

FLAG would support Michael Howard's view that a limited Public Inquiry could be justified into matters that are different than the development proposed in 1988 *if anything was different!!!* FLAG pointed out that with reductions in aircraft emissions, increased flight safety and improved road access to the airport justifying a public inquiry did not seem a tenable expense for the public to bear.



LAAG right, everyone else wrong?

Members of FLAG wondered how this well funded minority group are able to condemn the opinions of The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, The Civil Aviation Authority, The Health & Safety Executive, The Environment Agency, Kent County Council & Shepway District Council? They seem to think that if they advertise enough and keep on saying negative things then their view will be accepted. The reality is that the various bodies who regulate the development and safety in the local area do not object to the development. FLAG seeks to set the record straight.



Jobs are key.

As determination of the proposed development at Lydd Airport comes closer FLAG wants to draw attention to the quality jobs that are being and will be created with an enhanced airport. Mike Walsh, a former Councillor and founder member of FLAG said "From cleaning to top management, from check in to engineering, catering to accounts an airport has a place for every skill level". "People will have seen just how popular television programmes about airports are and this reflects the village like atmosphere that is unique to working at the airport". Those residents that knew Lydd in the 50's and 60's will not only know how a thriving airport filled local shops, restaurants and hotels but will know many of the staff who worked here. "Pilots, engineers, loading, air traffic, catering, you name" it said Mike, "The airport put the heart into The Marsh". Now we have the leader of LAAG, Ms Barton, publicly admitting that "Jobs for locals are not my concern". How can anyone not see through this for what it is, wealthy retired people pulling the ladder up?

Terminal & hotel offer residents new dimension.

Cliff Spink, MD of Lydd Airport has gone on the record for FLAG pointing out the benefits that a developed Lydd will bring. "As business people will well understand more hotel bedrooms in the area bring more visitors" said Mr Spink. "Creating the demand for a quality hotel in the area, swimming facilities and the public areas that both hotel and terminal will offer can offer real benefits to local residents". Mr Spink went on to draw attention to the local Co-Responder services offered by the airports Rescue and Fire Fighting (RFFS) crew. "Our own trained RFFS are already responding to local medical emergencies within minutes at no cost to the local community" said Mr Spink. These are very tangible benefits and something we are proud to offer.



Open Meeting! 11th June at the Airport.

FLAG will hold an open meeting with presentations on the airport development at Lydd Airport. 7PM for 7.30PM. All are welcome to come and listen to the latest developments at the airport.

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