

## **Message from Karen Denmark at UDC on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The Council has received a request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the proposed increase in annual number of passengers to 44.5 million passengers per annum (mppa) from London Stansted Airport. The details for the Scoping Opinion Request can be found under reference UTT/17/1640/SO on this link <http://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

It is likely that local residents will raise concerns with regards to this application. However, it should be noted that this is not a planning application but forms part of the process to be followed prior to the submission of a planning application where there is the potential for significant environmental impacts and the application will need to be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. This process enables both parties to identify the relevant topics which are required to be considered in the Environmental Statement.

The Scoping Opinion request cannot be called in for determination by Planning Committee.