

HEATHROW SUPPLEMENT

AVIATION ISSUES IN WEST LONDON: HAVE YOUR SAY

Heathrow expansion

Last October, the Government gave the green light to a Third Runway (R3) at Heathrow arguing that an additional runway is required to improve connectivity to destinations worldwide.

However, Ministers are also stipulating that a number of tough standards must be met if Heathrow is to expand. These are outlined in a National Policy Paper (NPS) which forms the basis of a public consultation to which stakeholders are invited to respond by **25th May 2017**.

The consensus among the EFRA Committee and its members is to oppose Heathrow expansion. We will be making the following key points in our submission to the consultation:

1. The NPS does not provide a clear indication of where the flight paths will be thus making it difficult for local residents to assess impact.
2. However, **the proposed location of the new runway means that landing aircraft will have to be aligned over the A4 probably where The Globe is located on Windmill Road. This, coupled with a 50% increase in air traffic and the fact that noise respite will have to be shared more widely is likely to result in a massive increase of noise for our area.**
3. Air pollution around Heathrow exceeds safe levels today - how will a substantial increase in air traffic address this? On noise, potentially legally binding targets are unclear.

We will be posting our full response on the EFRA website (efra.org.uk) in May.

We encourage all residents to send in their own objections to strengthen our position. E-mail RunwayConsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk or write to: Freepost RUNWAY CONSULTATION.

Full details are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heathrow-expansion-draft-airports-national-policy-statement>.

HACAN, the pressure group which has been lobbying against expansion at Heathrow for years has a wealth of information on its site www.hacan.org.uk.

We note that Ealing Council does not oppose the expansion of Heathrow. We are disappointed in the Council's position and would press residents to raise their concerns about the potential impact of R3 with candidates for the Borough elections in May 2018.

The full details are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-policy-on-the-design-and-use-of-uk-airspace>.

Ealing Fields Residents' Association (EFRA) subscribes to both the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (HACAN) and Ealing Aircraft Noise Action Group (EANAG).

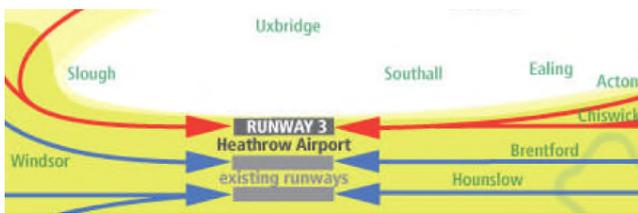
We therefore appreciate your subscriptions and donations which enable us to continue to support, and affiliate to, these vital voluntary groups.

HEATHROW SUPPLEMENT - Continued

Many residents are troubled by the noise of planes using the existing two runways. Night flights are a particular problem for those of us who sleep in south facing bedrooms, and everyone suffers when departures take off over us when the air is still and the planes have to use maximum thrust. Sunny summer days can be miserable!

The introduction of a third runway, to the north of the existing two, will massively increase the noise above our homes. The following map extracts give an indication of the impact of an additional runway.

Arrivals Flight Paths



Departures Flight Paths



EFRA is particularly concerned about the disruptive nature of the current level of night flights and the unacceptable increase in noise which would result from the flight paths serving a third runway.

UK Airspace Policy Consultation

Independent of the R3 consultation, Government is also consulting on key topics such as airspace changes; noise respite; new metrics for measuring noise annoyance; and the potential creation of an Independent Noise Authority. **This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to express our views on aviation noise policy.** In its submission, EFRA is addressing points directly relevant to our area:

1. The need for a consultation process with local residents when new flight paths are introduced or changes to existing flight paths made
2. The move to more realistic metrics when measuring noise.
3. Support for the establishment of an Independent Noise Authority which is independent from the Civil Aviation Authority and has the ability to enforce its own policy recommendations.

Again, our full response will be posted on the EFRA website in May. Given the importance of this consultation we encourage residents to send in their own views.

Respond by e-mail to: airspace.policy@dft.gsi.gov.uk or write to: Freepost UK AIRSPACE POLICY CONSULTATION.

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