

As residents of Wraysbury, we would like to register our objection to further expansion of Heathrow.

Like other residents affected the airport, we are totally disillusioned with the litany of broken promises by The Government, BAA and Heathrow regarding further expansion at Heathrow, and the seemingly incessant appetite to expand Heathrow at the huge expense of long suffering residents living under the flight path. Any political party which supports Heathrow expansion will justifiably risk the alienation of the local residents of West London, the RBWM and communities further west.

Life under the flight-path is already enormously stressful... people are frankly insulted by promises of better noise insulation and double glazing-which fail to grasp the central issue and hinge on the premise that people are happy to be caged in their homes, unable to enjoy their gardens or socialise without the need to shout above the noise or to stop all conversation and try to conduct it in the 90 second gap when an aircraft isn't screeching overhead.

During the day aircraft are roaring overhead every 90 seconds, and at night sleep is constantly broken in the early hours of the morning and late at night, children struggle to concentrate at local schools, and studies demonstrate the increased health risks of living under the flight path.....

It is hard to imagine how this situation will be improved by the projected increase in aircraft movements that would be the result of another runway.

How in a supposedly civilised society can it be considered an option to inflict even more of the above on a huge swathe of the population?

The South West option is absurd in its complexity, it involves infilling 2 reservoirs, and re-routing the M25- the devastation and disruption this will entail surely cannot have been realistically considered. The infrastructure around Heathrow is already at breaking point, and quite simply cannot cope with more passengers travelling to and from the airport.

Residents of other parts of the UK, notably The Midlands and North, will surely be asking why investment and the creation of jobs and services is always in the South East, to their economic detriment.

The South West option will completely destroy the historic village of Wraysbury, and result in a huge number of compensation claims for loss of property values under the Land Compensation act. It will totally destroy Ankerwyke -the site of the signing of the Magna Carta- and the seat of modern democracy, and ruin the tranquillity of Windsor Great Park, the home of our monarchy.... it is completely unthinkable and makes us the laughing stock of the civilised world. It is hard to think of any other country that would consider expanding an airport which is already quite clearly in the wrong place and completely land locked.

In addition Wraysbury is noted for its profusion of lakes, waterways, The River Thames and birdlife, which must surely make the risk of bird strike a very significant risk.

Furthermore residents have been angered by the recent distribution of a circular scaremongering about Heathrow closure if it does not get another runway, this is unfounded and adds to the stress of residents. There is no reason that Heathrow needs to close if it doesn't have another runway, to suggest otherwise is manipulative and a thinly veiled cynical attempt to frighten vulnerable residents into submission.

We are totally opposed to further expansion at Heathrow and believe that the south West option is ill conceived and undeliverable.

Yours Sincerely