

This is a response from Catford SE6 in Lewisham to the  
Aviation Noise discussion paper.\*

This is from the Culverley Green Residents' Association, an established active group who have provided evidence on and responded to consultations on night time aircraft noise since 1993.

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Over the past two decades residents in SE6 have complained about night noise of Heathrow bound flight in particular.

We have done so directly to commissions, to Heathrow, to Lewisham Council, and the GLA. We remain grateful to Lewisham and the GLA and the current and past Mayors of London for their commitments to remove these problems.

We first got in touch with residents of Brockley, then Telegraph Hill and Greenwich, and in Clapham joined with the group which became HACAN. We are twenty miles away as the jumbo flies.

There was relief when night time landing was placed on a weekly alternating east-west direction of approach to Heathrow, so that wind allowing London shares the problems with Windsor and environs. Nevertheless due to strength of prevailing winds we still get the disruptions more often than Windsor residents. We have had some relief from north/south runway alternations, but the disruptions remain severe.

Many residents keep their bedroom windows closed at night during the weeks of night flights. We get the planes and the noise from 4:30 am. During the current hot summer nights such oppressive atmosphere in itself can give rise to sleep disturbance.

The many reports now published on the health problems of sleep disturbance, and specifically due to aircraft noise, have established what we have always maintained.

These reports have addressed the economic losses to individuals and to the London economy of less efficient workers and of increased health service costs. The experiences are validated by similar evidence from across Europe, and no city is more damaged than London.\*\*

This personal and economic losses are further focused on loss of education Sixth form students attempting to study for A-levels have reported dropping out due to sleeplessness aggravated by night time aircraft noise in Lewisham for these past two decades. That is a loss of opportunity for a generation.

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\*Airports Commission Discussion Paper 05:Aviation Noise 2013

**\*\* London Assembly restates opposition to extra runways at Heathrow**

Following the publication of the Transport Select Committee report today, which backed expansion at Heathrow, the London Assembly today restates its view that new runways at Heathrow should not be built because of concerns about air quality and noise pollution.

The Assembly has consistently opposed proposals for expansion at London Heathrow on the grounds that the negative environmental effects are disproportionate to the estimated benefits it would bring to London<sup>[1]</sup>.

An estimated 700,000 Londoners suffer from noise pollution as a result of Heathrow, and this accounts for 28 per cent of all the people in Europe who are affected by aircraft noise<sup>[2]</sup>. GLA 10 May 2013

- See more at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/media/assembly-press-releases/2013/05/london-assembly-restates-opposition-to-extra-runways-at-heathrow#sthash.OG5PI5d8.dpuf>

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