

PRESS RELEASE

Public meeting; Heathrow noise - How will it affect you? What you can do about it?

The resident led public meetings

The West Windsor Residents Association (WWRA) and Old Windsor Residents Associations are holding Open Public Meetings on Tuesday 20th January at Windsor Racecourse starting at 2.30pm and 7.30 pm to inform, and empower, local residents about the disastrous affects of extra runway capacity on life locally.

The aim of the meeting will be to inform residents on what the two Heathrow proposals are, how they will be affected, and also to empower people to take action that will help to influence relevant decision makers.

There will be presentations from local experts on noise, housing, transport, health. Residents are encouraged to sign up for campaign information so they can have their voice heard in the debate above the noise from Heathrow, and big business.

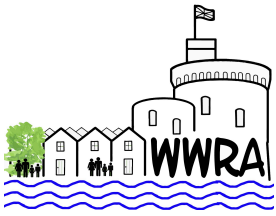
NB The Airports Commission will close its door to comments on Tuesday 3rd February, before it makes recommendations to Parliament.

More about Heathrow noise

Another runway closer to rural communities which will bring even more disastrous aircraft noise is only the tip of a huge iceberg of less obvious threats to a large part of the Thames Valley.

54% More flights, many over previously quiet areas, and the demand for over 70,000 more houses for 112,000 more employees and their families' needs will have a huge permanent impact.

It will hit a far wider area beyond the 14 Councils implied by the Airports Commission, including Windsor & Maidenhead, Slough, Bracknell Forest, South Bucks, Runnymede and Surrey Heath, as neither they nor the London Boroughs will each be able to find space for 5,000 more houses, plus schools, hospitals, doctors, transport improvements, etc., which are already stretched to breaking point.



This threatens our protected countryside (*NB Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty*) and the character of many of our towns and villages. An exacerbation of low cost housing shortages will increase costs and displace essential workers needed to support a busier Heathrow and other businesses which favour its growth.

As meeting room capacity is limited, other Council and community reps are urged to reserve places for the afternoon meeting with Cllr. Da Costa or Cllr. Beer, Cllr.dacosta@rbwm.gov.uk or Cllr.beer@rbwm.gov.uk It is hoped that people who can attend that meeting will do so, to allow those at work to attend the evening one.

Supporting Information

- The Associations fully appreciate Heathrow's huge contribution to the vibrant economy of the region and do not oppose it in its present form. They support a 'Better not Bigger' ethos and a far more appropriate second Gatwick runway.
- Our members include people with a detailed knowledge of aviation activity and Heathrow related bodies.
- Comments to the Airports Commission should be made to airports.consultation@systra.com or by post to Airports Commission Consultation, Freepost RTKX-USUC-CXAS, PO Box 1492, Woking, GU22 2QR by Tuesday 3rd February 2015.
- A useful general overview of the Heathrow related concerns is highlighted in a recent motion to Windsor & Maidenhead Council (attached separately).
- For more information contact Cllr Beer (Cllr.beer@rbwm.gov.uk 01753 862976), or Cllr Da Costa (Cllr.dacosta@rbwm.gov.uk 07962 144901)
- Keep up to date with the latest news, and sign up for campaign updates at www.wwra.org.uk