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BIG GUNS LINE UP TO FIGHT THIRD RUNWAY

Rally against the Runway: 3rd March

In what promises to be the biggest rally of the year, cabinet ministers and party leaders will link up with top environmentalists, key trade union leaders and business people to speak out against a third runway at Heathrow. The **Rally against the Runway** will take place on 3rd March at 7pm in Central London. The rally, organised by HACAN, is your chance tell the next Government what you think of a third runway. Whichever party wins the General Election in May will be faced with the decision of where to build a new runway.

**March 3rd, 7pm
Church House
Conference Centre
Dean's Yard
Westminster
SW1P 3NZ**

Speakers include:

VINCE CABLE MP Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills

NATALIE BENNETT leader Green Party

STEVEN NORRIS former Conservative transport minister

JILL SEYMOUR MEP UKIP's national transport spokesman

JOHN SAUVEN chief executive Greenpeace

ANDY ATKINS chief executive Friends of the Earth

RAVI GOVINDA leader Wandsworth Council

MANUEL CORTES General Secretary TSSA union

CHRIS BAUGH Assistant General Secretary PCS union

CAROLINE PIDGEON Liberal Democrat leader Greater London Assembly

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Labour mayoral candidate

PLUS

**MPs Zac Goldsmith, John McDonnell, John Randall,
Mary Macleod, Andy Slaughter**

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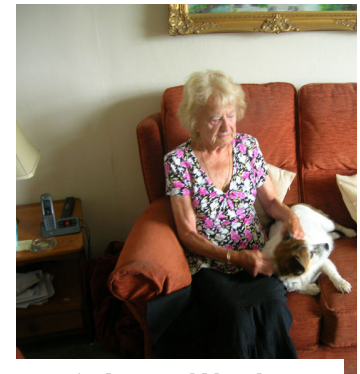
Thank you to everybody who helped deliver the 50,000 newspapers HACAN distributed outlining the case against a third runway. You can read it at: <http://www.hacan.org.uk/resources/pdf/ThirdRunwayNews-digitalversion.pdf>. The newspaper drop was an attempt to counter the advertising blitz from Heathrow Airport and the glossy brochures coming through hundreds of thousands of doors from Back Heathrow, the lobby group funded by the airport – see below.



<http://www.stopheathrowexpansion.co.uk/>

At the end of November SHE (Stop Heathrow Expansion) was launched at a packed meeting in Harmondsworth (see left), one of the villages threatened by a 3rd runway. SHE will represent these

areas closest to the airport and will work closely with HACAN.



Audrey would lose her Harmondsworth home of 50 years if a runway was built

Heathrow now willing to buy 4,000 homes

Further proof of the disruption that will take place if a 3rd runway goes ahead emerged with Heathrow's admission late last year that it is prepared to buy 4,000 homes if it gets the green light from the new government. Previously Heathrow said it would just buy the 783 homes that would need to be demolished to make way for a new runway. Now the airport has committed to also buying homes, should people want to sell, that would be close to either end of the new runway, in places like Sipson and Harlington. It is likely to retain these homes and either sell them or rent them out. Anybody bought out would be offered the price of their home (pre-bligh) plus 25%, plus the cost of stamp duty and removal costs.

• And in early January Heathrow is set to announce a more generous mitigation package for people impacted by noise from the airport.

Back Heathrow Rumbled



Many readers will have had glossy leaflets through the door from Back Heathrow. And a lot of you have emailed HACAN furious about their content, particularly the way they tend to imply things rather than state facts in a clear way. But now Back Heathrow has been rumbled. In an expose the Sunday Times found that in three out of four of their last leaflets Back Heathrow did not make it clear that it had received funding from Heathrow Airport. The airport has never hidden the fact that it has given money to Back Heathrow but most readers of Back Heathrow's glossy leaflets would not have been aware of that and could have assumed the literature was from a neutral organisation. Back Heathrow claims to have 50,000 supporters but has consistently refused to say how it defines 'supporter'. It is not a membership organisation. It is a limited company which is due to file its accounts at the end of March. Should be interesting!

Decisions about flight paths up in the air

Heathrow Airport has gone back to the drawing board following unprecedented protests against its flight path trials. Heathrow was testing new techniques for aircraft leaving the airport rather trialling new routes as such. However, it had the effect of concentrating flights over places such as Ascot, Teddington and Sunningdale. The subsequent protests forced Heathrow to curtail the trials two months early. It will now take stock.

Heathrow is not alone in looking to introduce new techniques and possible new routes. It is happening all over Europe and America. The objective is to enable airlines to make best use of the new technology that is now fitted to most planes. The computer-generated equipment allows aircraft to use much more concentrated routes, thus saving on fuel and, in if planes can also depart at tighter angles, give Heathrow more options if they are running late.

Heathrow is hoping to use the new techniques to introduce a wide number of routes so that they can offer all communities much-desired respite whether or not a 3rd runway is built. HACAN is engaging with the airport on this. We also have launched FAIR Flight Paths Petition:

<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/fair-flights-paths-for-heathrow>

- Heathrow is to set up a Community Noise Forum to oversee independent research assessing whether the flight paths have returned to normal following the recent trials



Thousands of people packed public meetings in places like Ascot (pictured here), Teddington and Englefield Green in protest at flight path trials

‘95% of people could get respite 50% of the time’

Heathrow argues that 95% of people could enjoy respite 50% of the time, if a third runway is built. And that most people would get respite 75% of the time. It is based on the idea of planes joining their final approach path from a variety of different angles. **In early January it is publishing indicative flight path maps to show how this will be possible.**

Could a 3rd runway bring the end of night flights?

Former Concorde pilot Jock Lowe, who heads up the Heathrow Hub scheme, has argued that night flights could end if a 3rd runway is built. He says that the new runway would provide the space for the pre- 6am flights to be transferred to daytime slots. Jock Lowe argues strongly that this is what should happen.

HACAN East leading the fight against concentrated flight paths at London City

London City Airport proposes to concentrate its flight paths but refused to hold meetings or leaflet the affected areas. So HACAN East held packed public meetings. We got support from the London Assembly which wrote a letter asking the airport to re-consult. As did Redbridge, Waltham Forest and Havering councils.

“If it were a school, City Airport would be in special measures”

Boris Johnston made supportive noises at the Mayor’s Question Time in Walthamstow. And Leyton and Wanstead MP John Cryer has put down an Early Day Motion in Parliament which has gained the support of most East London MPs. So poor has been City Airport’s

performance that somebody said, “If it were a school, it would be in special measures”. City Airport is planning to concentrate departures over places like Bow, Leyton, Leytonstone, Wanstead, Dagenham and parts of Havering. And in South London, where City aircraft have not been a real problem because they have been dispersed, the plan is to concentrate landings over Eltham, Catford, Dulwich, Herne Hill, Brixton, Stockwell and Vauxhall.

• The CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) oversees the consultation. HACAN East is arguing it was not done correctly. You can add your voice for the consultation to be done afresh by emailing airspace.policy@caa.co.uk. You can read about the campaign on www.hacaneast.org.uk and get updates on the Flight Path Changes facebook or via twitter @PathChanges



A packed public meeting in Leytonstone

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Our Membership Secretary writes:

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