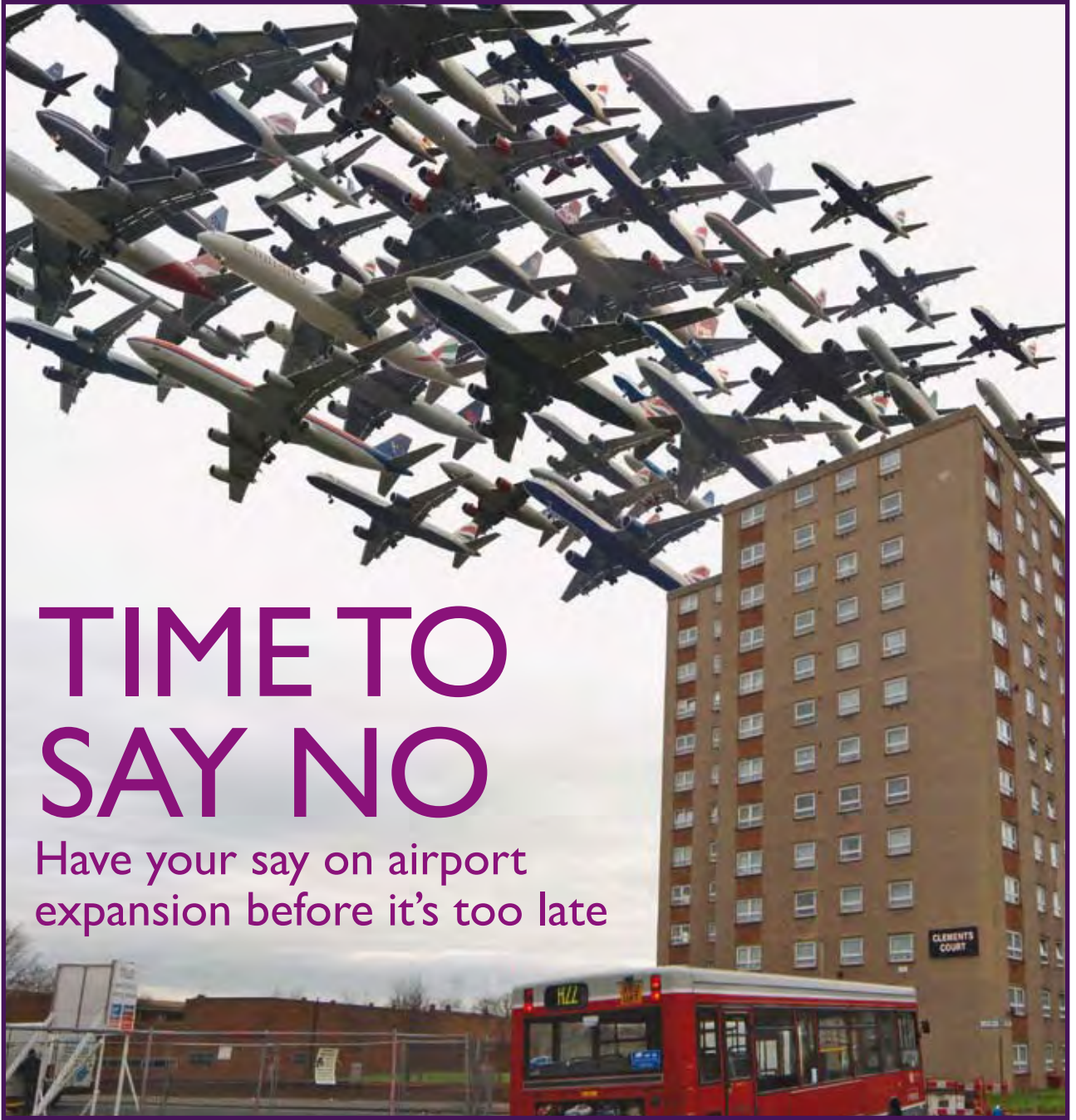


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## MATTERS



## TIME TO SAY NO

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# THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPANSION PLANS EXPLAINED

**In November last year the Government launched a 14 week public consultation on its plans to expand Heathrow. Residents have until 27 February 2008 to make their views known.**

**T**his special edition of Hounslow Matters magazine outlines the Government's plans for Heathrow, explains the council's position and highlights a range of different ways that you can have your say.

Essentially, the Government is proposing three key changes that could lead to the capacity of Heathrow doubling in a decade:

- Replacing Runway Alternation with Mixed Mode
- Scrapping the Cranford Agreement
- Building a third runway and a sixth terminal.

## WHAT IS RUNWAY ALTERNATION?

Runway Alternation is the current runway operation system at Heathrow.

At the moment, one runway is used for landings and the other for take-offs, with their roles switching at 3pm each day.

This system ensures that people living close to Heathrow only have aircraft flying directly overhead for half the day.

Runway Alternation gives residents half a day's peace and quiet.

## WHAT IS MIXED MODE?

Mixed Mode means allowing planes to land and take off on the same runway at the same time. It would enable Heathrow to increase its capacity by 60,000 planes a year overnight.

### Introducing Mixed Mode will mean:

- An extra 1,000+ planes flying in and out of Heathrow every week
- No more half a day's peace and quiet.

## WHAT IS THE CRANFORD AGREEMENT?

It's an agreement made in 1952 that prevents planes from taking-off over Cranford, situated at the eastern end of Heathrow's northern runway.

When planes are flying over London with the westerly wind (75 per cent of the time) they can land and depart on either runway. This means the runways can be switched at 3pm, giving residents a half day's peace.

When there's an easterly wind and planes fly over Windsor (25 per cent of the time) they land on the Northern runway and take-off on the Southern runway and there is no 3pm switch.

Scrapping the Cranford Agreement would allow the introduction of Mixed Mode which would mean

more planes, more noise and more pollution.

## WHAT ABOUT A THIRD RUNWAY?

The Government's proposals for a third runway at Heathrow could become a reality in little more than a decade. When combined with Mixed Mode, this would double Heathrow's capacity allowing it to handle over 150 million passengers a year (up from 67 million in 2007).

As a result, communities like the London Borough of Hounslow will have to endure as many as 6,000 extra planes flying overhead every week.

That's a plane every 30 seconds at peak times.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

To have your say on the Government's plans see page 6 or visit [www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow)

## MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER

**H**ounslow's residents have many shared ambitions. We all want peace and prosperity. We want our families to be healthy and our children to get the best possible education.

We want to live in safer communities surrounded by good friends, responsible neighbours and a cleaner, greener environment.

We may have different views on the best way to achieve these ambitions, but essentially what we all want is the best possible quality of life for ourselves and our loved ones.

In Hounslow, there is no bigger single threat to our quality of life than Heathrow.

One of the key characteristics that unites us as a borough is that we all have the world's busiest international airport as a neighbour.

Of course we recognize the contribution that Heathrow has made to the borough's prosperity and want the airport to continue to be an economic success.

But will expanding Heathrow bring us greater prosperity or will it just mean more planes, more noise and more pollution?

I believe that the best way to guarantee the airport's future is to make it better not bigger.

And the best way to guarantee a better quality of life for everyone in Hounslow is to help Heathrow be a responsible neighbour.

I want Hounslow to be a healthier, safer, cleaner, greener place to live and that's why I'm asking everyone in the borough to join me in saying 'no' to any further expansion at Heathrow.

**CLLR PETER THOMPSON**  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW



## MESSAGE FROM CLLR REID

**T**he Government's long-awaited consultation on its plans to expand Heathrow has finally arrived. It feels like the cold war is over and now the battle for Hounslow's future has begun.

As a local councillor for more than 25 years I know from experience that no other issue unites the borough like Heathrow. That's why councillors of every political shade have given their full support to the council's Say No campaign.

Expanding Heathrow could lead to a plane flying over London every 30 seconds at peak times which will mean more noise and more misery for more people.

The Government's own research has shown that more than 2 million people will be affected by aircraft noise. Yet it seems determined to turn a deaf ear to the additional noise that expansion will bring.

I know some people feel that there's little point responding to the consultation because the Government won't listen anyway.

But just last year we persuaded the Government to put its plans to increase night flights on hold. It was a small but significant victory that demonstrates that when we stand shoulder to shoulder and speak with one voice, we can make a difference.

The Government may be determined to turn a deaf ear on our concerns but we must show it that our opposition to expansion is just like Heathrow – very big and very noisy.

I urge every resident in the borough to register their views on Heathrow before the end of February and help Hounslow secure another victory in our battle against expansion.

**CLLR BARBARA REID**  
LEAD MEMBER FOR AVIATION  
LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW



# 10 GOOD REASONS TO SAY NO!

Local surveys have consistently shown that around 90 per cent of Hounslow's residents are opposed to any further expansion at Heathrow. They are not alone:

- Nearly 80 per cent of London businesses say 'no'
- Around 75 per cent of Londoners say 'no'
- The majority of London MPs say 'no'
- The Mayor of London says 'no'.

Furthermore, the borough's campaign against airport expansion has the backing of the full council. That's why the council can confidently claim to be speaking out on behalf of the vast majority of residents when it says 'no' to any further expansion at Heathrow.

So why do so many people from so many different backgrounds all say 'no' to airport expansion? Here are ten good reasons why:



## 1. MORE PLANES

The Government's proposals could double the airport's capacity in a decade allowing Heathrow to handle

151 million passengers and 800,000 flights every year. The limit on the number of planes that can fly in and out of the airport every year keeps growing and growing:

- At the time of the 1980s T4 inquiry it was 285,000
- At the time of T5 inquiry (2001) it rose to 480,000
- With Mixed Mode it could rise to 540,000
- A third runway will increase capacity to 720,000, and
- Mixed mode on three runways would make this 800,000.

In simple terms, that's a plane flying overhead every 30 seconds.

## 2. MORE NOISE

More planes will obviously mean more noise, which is the primary cause of concern for local residents.

In November 2007, the Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly claimed that noise pollution from Heathrow had "fallen dramatically" over the past 20 to 30 years.

In the same month, the Government published research revealing that more than 2 million people are affected by aircraft noise, 10 times more than was previously thought.

People living close to Heathrow can draw their own conclusions on whether expansion will mean more or less noise.

## 3. MORE POLLUTION

More planes means more pollution.

Aviation is already the country's fastest growing contributor to climate change and could account for at least 25 per cent of the UK's CO2 emissions by 2050.

The levels of dangerous nitrogen dioxide around Heathrow already exceed recommended European standards and expansion will expose more people to the effects of air pollution.

## 4. NO MORE HALF DAY'S PEACE

Scrapping Runway Alternation and replacing it with Mixed Mode will mean no more half a day's peace and quiet for people living, working and being educated in Hounslow.

It is the biggest immediate threat that faces the borough as it could effectively be introduced overnight and could lead to planes flying



overhead all day every day.

## 5. NOISIER SCHOOLS

Research shows that aircraft noise affects children's education and yet the Government and BAA are refusing to meet the full cost of

protecting Hounslow's schoolchildren from that noise.

At the last estimate, the cost of bringing our schools in line with national standards on noise insulation and ventilation was over £100m.

Further expansion can only make the situation worse for local schoolchildren struggling to be educated against a backdrop of constant aircraft noise.

## 6. NOISIER NIGHTS

The Government has promised not to increase night flights at Heathrow until 2012 but if expansion goes ahead the council expects the industry to push for more night flights on all three runways.

## 7. POORER HEALTH

Many local residents are concerned that noise and air pollution affect their health, and there is a growing body of scientific research to support these concerns.

The World Health Organisation stresses the importance of understanding the health impacts that airport noise and pollution have on

local communities.

The Government has no idea what impact expansion will have on people's health and has rejected the council's requests to conduct a Health Impact Assessment.

## 8. FALSE ECONOMY

The Government's economic arguments don't add up.

It has been estimated that the aviation industry costs the country more than £40 billion a year:

- £9 billion in subsidies on tax-free fuel and zero-rated VAT
  - £15-17 billion tourism deficit - the difference between what tourists spend here and what Brits spend holidaying abroad, and
  - £16 billion - the estimated environmental and social costs.
- We say the best way to keep Heathrow competitive is to make it better not bigger.

## 9. UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The council believes that Heathrow has already

reached the limits of its sustainable development. We simply do not have the roads, houses, schools or social infrastructure to support any further expansion.

## 10. CONCERNS OVER SAFETY

Heathrow already has the worst congested airspace in the EU, crossing one of the most densely populated areas in Europe. We believe that increasing the number of planes flying in and out of Heathrow by up to 320,000 per year will place west London at a far greater exposure to risk.



Timeline	Flights Per Year	Context
1980s	285,000	Limit set at T4 inquiry
2007	471,000	Current number of flights per year
2010	480,000	Current limit set at T5 inquiry
2015	540,000	Predicted capacity with Mixed Mode
2020	605,000	Government's predicted capacity when third runway opens
2030	702,000	Government's predicted capacity for Heathrow in 2030
2030s	720,000	Heathrow's potential capacity with third runway
2030s	800,000	Heathrow's potential capacity with all three runways operating on mixed mode

  **FURTHER INFORMATION**

To have your say on the Government's plans see page 6 or visit [www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow)

# HAVE YOUR SAY ON AIRPORT EXPANSION

As part of its public consultation, the Department for Transport has delivered surveys to more than 70,000 households in the borough.

**L**ocal councillors have been inundated with requests of help from residents who are confused by the survey.

Cllr Barbara Reid, the council's lead member for aviation, is encouraging residents to make sure they have their say. She said:

"The survey is unnecessarily confusing and complex. People are furious. They are genuinely concerned that their views could be misinterpreted.

"The issue of expansion is really quite simple. Building a third runway and replacing Runway Alternation with

Mixed Mode will mean more planes, more noise and more pollution.

"We don't want residents to miss this opportunity to have their say. You don't have to answer any questions you feel uncertain about.

"There is a section at the very end of the survey that asks for general comments. If you want to make your views on expansion absolutely clear, all you have to do is respond to this part of the survey and send it back to the Government."

Whether you're against expansion or pro-expansion, it's important that you



register your view. Here are ten different ways you can register your views:

<b>1</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' DIRECTLY</b> Fill out and return the Department for Transport's survey. You can order a copy free of charge at <a href="http://www.dft.gov.uk/heathrowconsultation">www.dft.gov.uk/heathrowconsultation</a> ; by calling <b>0845 600 4170</b> , by emailing <a href="mailto:heathrowconsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk">heathrowconsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk</a> or by writing to Heathrow Consultation, PO Box 236, Wetherby, LS23 7NB.	<b>6</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' BY EMAIL</b> Send an email of support to <a href="mailto:sayno@hounslow.gov.uk">sayno@hounslow.gov.uk</a> .
<b>2</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' PUBLICLY</b> Attend a public meeting at the Civic Centre on Tuesday 22 January 2008 at 7.30pm.	<b>7</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' LOCALLY</b> Write to your local councillor at: Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow, TW34DN. Visit <a href="http://www.hounslow.gov.uk">www.hounslow.gov.uk</a> to find your local councillor.
<b>3</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' ONLINE</b> Register your support for the council's Say No campaign and keep up to date with the latest news on the consultation by joining the council's facebook page at <a href="http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow">www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow</a> .	<b>8</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' NATIONALLY</b> Write to your local Member of Parliament at the House of Commons.
<b>4</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' BY POST</b> Pick up a say 'no' postcard from your local library or the Civic Centre.	<b>9</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' TOGETHER</b> Ask your friends family and neighbours to say 'no' too.
<b>5</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' BY PHONE</b> Call the council's say 'no' answerphone and leave a message of support on <b>020 8583 5230</b> .	<b>10</b>	<b>SAY 'NO' ON YOUR OWN</b> Be imaginative. Say 'no' in your own unique way, like making a poster and displaying it in your window.

# HEATHROW EXPANSION SURVEY

If you want to register your views on expansion with the Government you can respond to the Department for Transport's survey (see pages 6).

You may also want to respond to the council's own survey which asks some of the key questions that are missing from the Government survey.

You can return this survey to us free of charge by folding the page in half, sealing the sides and posting it to the FREEPOST address on the back cover.

## Q1: PERSONAL DETAILS

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

## Q2: HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

How many people living in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children aged under 18 in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people aged 60 or over in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

## Q3: ARE YOU?

Male

Female

## Q4. TIME IN THE BOROUGH

How many years have you lived in the London Borough of Hounslow?  
\_\_\_\_\_ year/s

## Q5. THIRD RUNWAY

	Yes	No
Should a third runway be built at Heathrow?		
Do you think a third runway will mean more noise pollution?		
Do you think a third runway will mean more air pollution?		

## Q6. MIXED MODE

	Yes	No
Do you support the introduction of Mixed Mode at Heathrow?		
Do you think Mixed Mode will mean more noise pollution?		
Do you think Mixed Mode will mean more air pollution?		

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neutral – neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

## Q7. CLIMATE CHANGE

To what extent do you agree that expanding Heathrow will contribute to climate change?						
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## Q8. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

To what extent do you agree that expanding Heathrow will damage the environment locally?						
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## Q9 QUALITY OF LIFE

To what extent do you agree that expanding Heathrow will have a negative impact on the quality of life in Hounslow?						
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## Q10. EDUCATION

To what extent do you agree that expanding Heathrow will have a negative impact on children's education in Hounslow?						
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## Q11. HEALTH

To what extent do you agree that expanding Heathrow will have a negative impact on people's health in Hounslow?						
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## Q12. SAFETY

To what extent do you agree that expanding Heathrow will pose an increased risk to safety in Hounslow?						
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# HAVE YOUR SAY

- Worried about the Government's plans for expansion?
- Concerned about more planes, more noise and more pollution?
- Want to keep Runway Alternation?
- Want to say no to Mixed Mode?
- Want to say no to a Third Runway?

## COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT AIRPORT EXPANSION

Public Meeting  
Civic Centre,  
Lampton Road,  
Hounslow  
TW43 4DN

**Tuesday 22 January 2008,**  
**7.30pm-9.30pm**  
[www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/heathrow)



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