

SAY NO to Heathrow Expansion (4) Other channels for information/action

The Government is consulting on the biggest-ever programme of expansion at Heathrow Airport. Very few Chiswick residents have been asked their views. The consultation offers limited ways to request information or register opposition.

So how can you make your voice heard? Local residents have identified four priorities:

- 1) Respond to the formal consultation – before Wednesday 27 February;*
- 2) Attend the consultation rally – at Westminster on Monday 25 February;*
- 3) Write to other Ministers and MPs;*
- 4) Follow up other sources of information and action.*

This sheet covers the last of these. Other sheets are available through the website www.crashW4.com

Using other political channels: Councillors, Parliamentary Committees

If you've already responded to the consultation, asked Ministers how the proposed expansion fits with other Government priorities, and put the Opposition parties on the spot to find out what they would do, how else can you involve the politicians and influence their policies?

Local councillors

Local councillors are already involved, with Hounslow playing a lead role in the 2M group of councils (they believe 2 million people will be affected) and Ealing also backing the campaign.

- Keep abreast of their views at the website: www.2mgroup.org.uk/
- Show your support for their stance by going to any meetings they organise
- Consider copying your other correspondence to your councillors so that they are aware of the local strength of feeling;
- Find out which parties oppose Heathrow expansion at Cabinet level and make clear this is a voting issue.

You can find out your councillors' details at:

Ealing – Southfield ward:

www.ealing.gov.uk/services/council/councillors/councillors_by_ward/

Hounslow – Chiswick Homefields, Chiswick Riverside, Turnham Green wards:
<http://213.210.33.3/mgMemberIndex.asp?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0&J=1>

Parliamentary Committees

Parliamentary Select Committees review the work of Government departments and can be very critical of poor policy decisions or poor implementation. They are cross-party bodies led by senior MPs, who decide on their own investigations and can ask government ministers, officials and independent experts for evidence.

The committees might consider reviewing issues affecting their departments, particularly if these can be seen as a general issue rather than something unique to Heathrow.

Committee chairmen/women:

Treasury:	John McFall (looks at the work of the Treasury)
Public Accounts:	Edward Leigh (looks at overall efficiency and spending)
Transport:	Gwyneth Dunwoody
Health:	Kevin Barron
Environment:	Michael Jack
Business & Enterprise:	Peter Luff
Local Government:	Phyllis Starkey
Culture, Media & Sport, incl London:	John Whittingdale
Children:	Barry Shearman

The address for correspondence is [Person's Name] MP
House of Commons
London SW1 0AA

Supporting Pressure groups

Add your voice to the campaign petition: sign on-line at www.stopheathrowexpansion.com/

Look out for news and views on long time **campaigning group** HACAN Clear Skies (Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise)'s website: www.hacan.org.uk/

Influencing the Press

Local press are already carrying stories and the national papers have carried some articles. They can be excellent channels for both informing residents on developments and putting pressure on decision-makers.

Consider contacting them or sending a letter for publication. You may need to check what they have already reported; their on-line archives or back copies in local libraries can help.

Residents' groups, neighbours, friends and family

Many residents groups are getting actively involved in distributing information and raising awareness. You can also ensure that your contacts, locally and elsewhere in the UK, are aware of the impact of expansion. Ultimately it will be individual decisions to take fewer flights that will reduce the demand for expansion.

Anyone in the UK can contribute to the consultation – encourage them to take part too!