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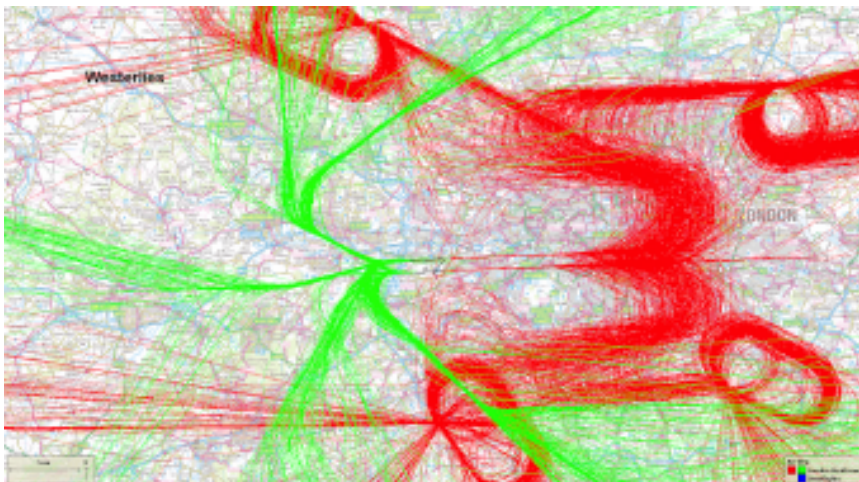
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## PARLIAMENT BACKS A THIRD RUNWAY

On 25<sup>th</sup> June MPs backed a third runway at Heathrow. The Government got a majority of 296 after the debate in Parliament. The third runway now officially becomes Government policy. But it will be some years before it is built. The local authorities, backed by Greenpeace and the Mayor of London, are preparing a legal challenge. They have six weeks to submit it. Heathrow Hub, the rival expansion scheme, will also mount a legal challenge. The courts would be expected to hear the cases in the autumn. Heathrow will start drawing up its detailed plans for the new runway. This is part of the DCO (Development Consent Order) process. These plans will be consulted on next year with a view to going before a Planning Inquiry in 2020. Heathrow would be looking to get final permission in 2021 and open the new runway in 2025.



### **HACAN EAST: fighting your corner**



HACAN East will be fighting to ensure that, if a third runway is built, the people of East and SE London will not lose out. The Government has laid down that a third runway can only be built if there is a tougher night flight regime – a break of 6½ hours instead of the current 5 – and,

wherever possible, periods of respite for all communities. We will campaign to make sure that includes East and SE London. As a start, we are producing a series of catchy videos to make our case. We will let you know when they are available.

# CONCENTRATED FLIGHT PATHS

## CAA report still awaited

The report by the Civil Aviation Authority into City Airport's controversial concentrated flight paths is still not out. It was expected last summer. The CAA's website now says they hope to publish it before the end of this month. The reason for the delay is not clear. The CAA is required to assess the first year of operation of the new flight paths which were concentrated in February 2016 and to make recommendations.

The new concentrated flight paths caused a four-fold rise in complaints to City Airport. People have also written in large numbers to the CAA. And last year HACAN East presented the CAA with a cake covered in concentrated flight paths (**pictured right**) to remind them of the impact of the flights on communities across wide swathes of East and Se London.

As soon as the CAA report is released we will put information on our website and send out a special edition of the newsletter.

- You can track the flight paths of City Airport planes on <https://travislcy.topsonic.aero/>



## REPORT ON SE LONDON PUBLISHED

Our sister organisation HACAN, together with Plane Hell Action, published *Corridors of Concentration* earlier this year. Over a dozen areas from Clapham Common in the west to Greenwich in the east were surveyed – **picture: Peckham**. It only looked at Heathrow aircraft. The overall number of planes and their heights were much the same as 10 years ago but certain communities suffered as the flight paths corridors had become more concentrated and because more planes were joining their final approach further east.

- **Parts of SE London get planes from both Heathrow and London City.** HACAN East is bringing together the two airports to cooperate on flight path matters. We argue the *total* noise of planes from both airports flying over an area should be measured so as to give a more realistic picture of what people experience.