

Heathrow Consultation

This is one of the biggest consultations there has been from Heathrow and one of the most important for residents. It covers runway alternation, respite, night flights, westerly preference and Independent Parallel Approaches.

HACAN has produced a briefing sheet on each. They are on our website.

We have also produced a 4 page summary of the consultation document which might help you navigate the consultation: <http://hacan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Heathrow-Consultation-summary.pdf>

The full consultation can be found here: <http://hacan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Heathrow-Airspace-and-Future-Operations-Consultation-document-Final-low-res.pdf>

The consultation assumes a third runway will be built. HACAN continues to oppose a new runway but also wants to get the best deal for residents if it is built.

The consultation closes on 4th March.

Departures

At present aircraft depart on Noise Preferential Routes (NPRs). There a number of them. They are 3kms wide. Aircraft need to stay within them until they reach 4,000ft. Over the last decade or so the increasing concentration of aircraft along the centre-line of the NPRs has caused real problems for residents.

This is the pattern being proposed:

Respite is to be introduced on departures. This will be done by creating three flight paths within each departure block and alternating them. Check out pp19-37 to see the blocks: <https://afo.heathrowconsultation.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/01/3649-HRW-3R-A3-maps-booklet-AW-update-2-V1.pdf> . **New areas will be impacted. You may get departures for the first time.**

Remember at this stage we don't know where the detailed flight paths will be within each block. Heathrow will work those up following this consultation. They are expected to be consulted on in about 3 year's time.

Two key points to note:

Within some of the blocks Heathrow says the routes will be far enough apart for residents not to hear planes on the other flight paths; but this is not the case for all the blocks – check the link.

There are some blocks where areas might have both departures and arrivals at the same time – check particularly pp30-37.

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