

## **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.

### **Night Flights**

The National Policy Statement (NPS) – the document through which Parliament gave the go-ahead to Heathrow to draw up detailed plans for a third runway - mandated a 6½ ban on scheduled flights at night, up from 5 hours at present.

At present, there are about 16/17 scheduled flights permitted to use Heathrow between 11.30pm and 6am. They are all landings, the first one arriving at 4.30am. Some nights there can also be unscheduled departures. These are either emergencies or flights running late and depart after 11.30pm. Over the last few years the number of these has reduced.

The options in the consultation:

Each night one runway would be without flights until 6am

It could be two runways without flights until 6am if all the pre-6am flights landed on one runway. The Consultation asks: “whether you would prefer for us to use one runway for scheduled arrivals from 5.30am (runway time 5.15am) or use two runways for scheduled arrivals from 5.45am (runway time 5.30am)”.

The use of runways could be alternated nightly or weekly. That alternation could be coordinated with the proposed daytime alternation periods – see briefing <http://hacan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Heathrow-Consultation-briefing-arrivals-runway-alternation-and-respite.pdf> – to give an extended break from the noise (maybe for example from 11pm – 11am) on certain night/days.

Departures may start at 6am rather than 6.20am currently

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