

**NIGHT FLIGHTS AND OTHER AIRCRAFT ISSUES SURVEY**  
**SUMMER 2005**

The Government has issued a consultation on revisions to the night flight regime which operates at Heathrow. The consultation is entitled 'Night Flying Restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports'. It is the second of a two-stage consultation. There are paper copies of the document in every library in the Borough.

The consultation response period ends on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005. The new regime will run from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2005, although for the first year it will be a 'roll-over' of the current regime. Then from 2006, it is proposed that the aircraft movements will increase. The questions below relate to both night flights and other airport issues, as there is a link between them, in that increases in day time movements may bring pressure for extra night time ones.

Please let us know your views by answering the questions.

Please also feel free to add any text in the comments box, so that you can bring to our attention any other issues you think we should note.

Thank you for your interest and your help with this survey.

**Q1.** The Consultation Paper proposes an increase in the number of night flights permitted (11:30 – 6am) from 5800 a year at present, to 6420 a year in 2012, (i.e. an increase of 620). Do you think the number of night flights to and from Heathrow airport should:

Be allowed unlimited increase	
Have some increase	
Remain the same	
Decrease	
Cease altogether	

**Q2.** The present period during which night-time limits apply is from 11:30pm to 6am. (Previous to 1993 the limit periods were 2300-0630 winter, 2300-0600 summer, plus Sunday morning landing limits until 0800 all year, plus Sunday morning takeoff limits until 0800 in the summer) The consultation proposes that the limit period should stay at the current period of 11:30pm to 6am. Do you think the night regime should apply to:

11:30pm to 6am	
A shorter period	
11pm - 7am	
Hours prior to 1993	
A longer period	

**Q3.** At present legislation requires the Government to specify the maximum number of aircraft movements at night, by reference to their noise rating. Do you think:

The maximum number requirement should remain	
Aircraft should be limited only by their noise ratings, with no maximum number	

**Q4.** The 5<sup>th</sup> Terminal at Heathrow is being constructed, with the first phase due to open in 2008, and the second phase in 2011. There is now a proposal that a 6<sup>th</sup> Terminal should be planned. Do you think:

There should be no restriction on the expansion of Heathrow	
A sixth terminal would be useful	
Five terminals will be enough	
Heathrow has reached the maximum sensible limit of development	

**Q5.** A third runway has been proposed for Heathrow. It is indicated that this could increase annual aircraft movements from the 480,000 (set as a condition for Terminal 5) to 655,000. At present the Government has indicated that this could only proceed if the problem of the existing excess air pollution is resolved first. Do you think:

Movements need to increase to match demand	
There should be a limit between the two figures	
No movements above 480,000 should be allowed	

**Q6.** If technical developments allow the same number of aircraft movements to produce less noise and less air pollution, do you think:

The number of movements should be unrestricted	
The number of movements should increase so that noise and pollution remain broadly the same	
These improvements should be kept to help improve the quality of life	

**Q7.** There are proposals to help some properties with noise insulation to mitigate aircraft noise. If you live or work in Richmond upon Thames do you think:

No insulation is needed at the property where I live	
No insulation is needed at the property where I work	
Insulation is needed in my home	
Insulation is needed in my work	
Insulation is needed at both	

**Q8.** There are 16 or so night flights at Heathrow (11:30 – 6am) (mainly landings). How critical do you think these are to the economy of the United Kingdom?

Vital to the UK economy	
Don't know	
Marginal to the UK economy	
Irrelevant to the UK economy	

**Q9.** At present all aircraft fuel is free of any tax. Do you think:

Airlines should not pay fuel tax	
The E.U. should be asked to introduce aircraft fuel tax	
A fuel tax should be imposed in the UK	
Aircraft fuel should be taxed like petrol	

**Q10.** The planning decision on the Terminal 5 Inquiry set the maximum permissible number of aircraft movements at Heathrow as 480,000. The current number of movements is some 470,000. Do you think:

There should be no limit	
The limit must be kept to at all costs	

Please indicate if have completed the survey because you live in, work in or visit the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Live in the borough	
Work in the borough	
Live and work in the borough	
Visit the borough	
None of the above	

If you live or work in the borough, please give your postcode:

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**Please add comments you wish to make here:**

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## **Address for survey reponses by post**

Please send us your completed survey form as soon as possible, if possible by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005, so that we can take account of your views in the Council response to the night flight consultation. Sent it to:

Aircraft Noise Survey  
Special Projects Team  
Environment Directorate  
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames  
Room 117 Civic Centre  
44 York Street  
Twickenham  
TW1 3BZ

**In addition to completing the above survey, you can give us your views on night flight issues, by:**

### **Coming to a public meeting in Twickenham**

Date: 5th September 2005

Time: 7pm start

Place: Salon, York House, Twickenham (via Arragon Road)

Chair: Tony Arbour, Leader of the Council

Speakers: John Stewart of HACAN\*; John Coates of Richmond Council, and Stephen Turner, Noise Consultant with Casella Stanger.

\*'HACAN Clearskies' are the independent lobbying group 'Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise.' You can find out about their work at [www.hacan.org.uk](http://www.hacan.org.uk)

**You can also write direct to the Government, with your views on night flights and your reponse to the consultation document. Make sure to send them in before the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005 deadline, to:**

Department for Transport  
Aviation Environmental Division 4  
Zone 1/34  
Great Minster House  
76 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DR.

The consultation paper is available via the Council website on [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk)

Each Library in the Borough has a copy of the night flight consultation paper. Or you can obtain your own copy by telephoning 020 7944 5796.

For further information contact the Special Projects Team, Environment Directorate, London Brough of Richmond, on 020 8891 7729