

Airport Expansion Consultation: Copy of online response on behalf of KEF

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Kingston Environment Forum

Are you currently overflown by aircraft flying to or from Heathrow?

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- Yes
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1. Expanding Heathrow

The expansion of Heathrow will be one of the largest infrastructure projects in the UK and developing our final plan will be a complex process.

We now need your feedback which, together with our on-going design work and the findings of more detailed surveys and assessments, will be used to develop a preferred scheme for Heathrow's expansion.

1a. Please tell us what you think about Heathrow's plans to expand the airport.

We oppose expansion on the grounds that most of the air traffic will be for leisure travel, there will be increases in CO₂ from planes and from increased road traffic, which will also emit health damaging pollutants into the air.

2. Runway, Terminals and Aprons

Runway

The new runway will be located to the north west of our two existing runways. Runway options in this area have been identified that vary in length from 3,200m to 3,500m and their east-west position. Before answering this question please read Section 2.1 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

2a. Please tell us what you think about the options for the new runway.

We oppose a new runway anywhere.

2b. What factors do you think should be important in fixing the precise location and length of the runway?

Terminals and Aprons

To serve the increased number of passengers and aircraft that will use the expanded airport, new terminal and apron infrastructure will be required. Before answering this question please read Section 2.2 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

2c. What factors do you think should be important in locating new terminal and apron space?

Taxiways

A well-designed taxiway system must provide efficient and safe links that deliver predictable journey times for passengers, lower operating costs for airlines, and greater efficiencies which will help us deliver on our commitments around noise and air quality.

Before answering this question please read Section 2.3 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

2d. What factors do you think should be important in deciding the location of new taxiways?

3. Roads and rivers

M25 Alignment and Junctions

The construction of a new north west runway will extend the airport to the west. This will affect the route of the M25 between Junctions 14 and 15 and the operation of Junctions 14 and 14a. Before answering this question please read Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

3a. Please tell us what you think about the re-positioning of the M25.

3b. Please tell us which family of options you prefer for the alterations to Junctions 14 and 14a and the reasons why.

None!

Local Roads

The expansion of Heathrow will affect local roads. There are a number of options for replacing these roads, transferring traffic on to other routes and re-establishing local

connections. Before answering these questions please read Section 2.6 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

3c. Please tell us which option you prefer for the diversion of the A4 and the reasons why.

Wherever traffic is diverted to, it will pollute the air so we oppose all increases in road traffic.

3d. Please tell us which option you prefer for the diversion of the A3044 and the reasons why.

3e. Please tell us which option you prefer for the Stanwell Moor junction and the reasons why.

3f. Please tell us what you think about the options to improve access to the Central Terminal Area.

River Diversions and Flood Storage

The expansion of Heathrow will affect local rivers and areas of flood plain. There are a number of options for the diversion of these rivers and the replacement of flood storage. Before answering these questions please read Section 2.7 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

3g. Please tell us what you think about the options for the diversion of rivers and the approaches to replacement flood storage.

4. Additional land

To support the operation of an expanded airport we will need additional land outside the airport boundary. This will include land for construction sites, car parking and commercial facilities, as well as new landscaping. We will also need land to accommodate businesses that need to be relocated. Before answering these questions please read Sections 2.8 to 2.11 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

4a. Please tell us what you think about the locations and sites that we have identified as being potentially suitable for airport supporting facilities.

We oppose expansion and any land grabs that expansion would necessitate.

4b. Please tell us what you think about our approach to providing car parking and the potential site options we have identified.

Disastrous for the environment!

4c. Do you have any comments on the land uses that will be affected by Heathrow's expansion?

Housing and green space is more useful and important to most residents than a huge airport.

4d. Please tell us what you think about the sites identified for the relocation of the Immigration Removal Centres? If you have a preference, please tell us why.

4e. Please tell us what you think about the locations and sites that we have identified as being potentially suitable for airport related development.

Same answer as before - green space and houses are what Londoners need, not airport development!

4f. Do you have any views on how the demand for additional airport related development such as hotels and offices might best be delivered?

4g. Please tell us how you think we should best bring the various components together to build our masterplan for the expansion of the airport and what factors you think should be most important in our decision-making.

Consider the environment, air quality, climate change, and the real needs of Londoners - and don't expand!

4h. Please tell us what you think about the sites we have identified as potential construction sites, and the approaches we are considering to manage the effects of construction.

5. Managing the effects of expansion

The expansion of Heathrow must happen in the right way. We have developed a number of approaches to ensure that the effects associated with the construction and operation of an expanded Heathrow are effectively managed. You can find relevant information on these approaches in Section 4 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document.

Property Compensation, Property Hardship and Land Acquisition

We recognise that people who live in or own property near Heathrow will be affected by its expansion. Section 4.1 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and our Property Policies Information Paper sets out our proposals to ensure that those affected are fairly compensated.

5a. Please tell us what you think about our Property Policies.

No amount of compensation can mitigate the immediate disturbance (noise, traffic, loss of land ...) or the long-term effects (on climate change) of expansion.

Noise

Noise is one of the most significant concerns for communities living close to airports. Section 4.2 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and Our Approach to Noise set out options to reduce, minimise or mitigate the effects of noise arising from the

expansion of Heathrow.

We would like to know your views on Our Approach to Noise, in particular:

5b. A noise envelope is a package of measures that can be used to reduce noise. Please tell us your views on the objectives of the noise envelope and the timeline for its development.

What do you propose to reduce outdoor noise which currently affects e.g. school playgrounds, parks such as Richmond Park, residents who keep windows open in summer etc?

5c. Is there anything further we should be considering to reduce noise?

Fewer flights.

5d. Please tell us what you think about our suggested approach to the provision of respite.

5e. Please tell us what you think of our proposals for noise insulation and phasing of delivery.

Noise insulation only works when windows and doors are closed tightly

5f. A 6.5 hour night flight ban on scheduled flights is required sometime between 11pm and 7am. Our current preferred option for this is from 11pm to 5.30am. Please tell us when you think the night-flight ban should be scheduled and why.

5.30 am is far too early to resume flights.

Surface Access

Section 4.3 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and Our Approach to the Development of a Surface Access Strategy set out our priorities and targets for the ways

in which passengers, visitors, workers and commercial traffic will access the expanded airport.

We would like to know your views on Our Approach to the Development of a Surface Access Strategy, in particular:

5g. Please tell us what you think about our priorities and initiatives we propose to use to develop our surface access strategy.

Plans are inadequate and rely too much on travellers using clean transport options - massive behaviour and technological changes which are unlikely to happen soon enough.

5h. Please tell us what you think about the options to use road-user charging to reduce emissions and to manage vehicular access to the airport.

Air Quality and Emissions

Section 4.4 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and Our Approach to Air Quality set out options and approaches to reduce or mitigate the potential local air quality effects that may arise due to the expansion of Heathrow.

We would like to know your views on Our Approach to Air Quality, in particular:

5i. Please tell us what you think about the measures proposed to manage emissions. Are there any other measures that we should consider?

Carbon and Climate Change

Section 4.5 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and our Approach to Carbon and Climate Change set out potential options and approaches that could be used to reduce or mitigate the carbon and climate change effects anticipated to arise as a result of the expansion of Heathrow.

We would like to know your views on Our Approach to Carbon and Climate Change, in particular:

5j. Do you have any comments on our approach to limiting carbon emissions from the design, construction and operation of an expanded Heathrow?

Natural Environment

Section 4.6 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and Our Approach to the Natural Environment set out the key design considerations and provide our likely response to the natural environment as part of the expansion of Heathrow.

We would like to know your views on Our Approach to the Natural Environment, in particular:

5k. Please tell us what you think about our approach to natural environment issues.

Inadequate

5l. Are there any opportunities that the expansion of Heathrow could provide to enhance the natural environment?

Seem highly unlikely to us.

Historic Environment

Section 4.7 of the Airport Expansion Consultation Document and Our Approach to Historic Environment set out the key considerations and provide our likely response to the historic environment as part of the expansion of Heathrow.

5m. Please tell us what you think about our approach to historic environment issues.

Other considerations

6. Having considered everything you have read, do you have any further comments in relation to our proposals for the expansion of Heathrow?

Don't expand please!

7. Please tell us your views on this consultation (for example, the information we have provided, any printed material you have received, any maps or plans, the website and feedback form etc.).