

**Response to the London Borough of Hillingdon consultation on the planning application by Heathrow to introduce Easterly Alternation**

**January 2025**

The Coalition recognise the benefits that the introduction of easterly alternation will bring to many local communities have long campaigned for much needed respite. However, we do not believe that the increases in noise for communities in Cranford are not being adequately mitigated.

The application if approved will have a significant negative impact for communities to the east of the runway particularly those in Cranford who will experience a huge increase in aviation noise, as well as significant negative impacts for communities further east such as Southall, Greenford and Perivale.

There will be significant increases in noise for communities in Heston, Stanwell Moor and Stanwell and it is not clear whether these communities would be eligible for the proposed mitigation and compensation measures.

There appears to be several communities who will experience increase in sleep awakenings, and we are concerned that the environmental statement has not sought to clarify and assess the level of increase.

The Coalition remain concerned that the work undertaken to introduce easterly alternation may support Heathrow's future expansion plans. Therefore, should the application be approved, we would like to see planning conditions imposed that prohibit any increase in flights and any increased use of mixed mode operations.

We believe that the conditions relating to noise and air quality that were previously imposed on the appeal scheme ref APP/R5510/A/14/2225774 should be included with any decision to approve the application.