



RICHMOND HEATHROW CAMPAIGN

GOVERNMENT HEATHROW NIGHT FLIGHT CONSULTATION 2017



DEADLINE TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Shhhhh!

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO STOP AIRCRAFT NOISE AT NIGHT

The current agreement on limiting night flights expires in October 2017 and the Government has issued a consultation. It largely ignores the evidence and views of residents. The proposal is for a five year regime to 2022 with no attempt to materially reduce night time noise.

Richmond Heathrow Campaign's response can be viewed at www.richmondheathrowcampaign.org. We seek a **ban on all flights between 11pm and 7am**. The consultation covers Heathrow and other airports so make it clear in responses that Heathrow is the focus of your response. Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q7 and Q10 are the questions that relate to Heathrow. All responses to the consultation must be submitted by **Tuesday 28 February**. The consultation is at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/582863/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted.pdf Details of how you can respond can be found below.

The Government's proposals for Heathrow continue to limit the number of flights to 16 between 11:30pm and 6am. Controls are extended to quieter aircraft and noise limits are reduced to current actual levels – neither of which in practice will reduce noise. A suggestion to tighten the controls each year may slightly reduce noise over the 5 years.

It is important residents show strength of feeling on night flights. We encourage as many people as possible to respond. To have greatest impact, we suggest you may wish to focus your response on the following issues:

1. Night flight noise affects a large number of people – over 400,000 people around Heathrow.
2. There is no end in sight for those suffering from the noise. Government proposals for restrictions over the last 10 years have had little or no impact on night time noise and the current proposals will have little impact.
3. Each of us will have our own personal experiences of aircraft noise at night, which may be raised in responses.
4. For many the night extends from 11pm to 7am. The issue is not just about the core night period from 11:30pm to 6am. Late running flights and increased numbers of flights between 6 and 7am are largely ignored by the consultation and people may wish to comment.
5. Richmond Heathrow Campaign seeks a **ban on all flights between 11pm and 7am**. We make the case that there is no loss from re-timing night flights into the day and there is daytime capacity to absorb all night flights. There is no other remedy for the high cost on peoples' sleep and health.

Please respond to the Department of Transport by Tuesday 28 February

The DfT asks for consultation respondents to use the response form at the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/J6KX6>

Responses can also be emailed using the form provided on the DfT webpage to night.flights@dft.gsi.gov.uk or alternatively posted to: Night Flights Consultation, Department for Transport, Great Minster House (1/25) Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR.

When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of a larger organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.

The Richmond Heathrow Campaign represents three amenity groups in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames: The Richmond Society, The Friends of Richmond Green, and the Kew Society, which together have over 2000 members.

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