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SOUTH EAST LONDON JOINS THE COALITION

Today the South East London community group Plane Hell Action South East (PHASE) have joined the No 3rd Runway Coalition. (1)

This follows the recent addition of the London Borough of Southwark (2) to the Coalition's membership and reflects the increasing concern in communities across London about the impacts of Heathrow expansion.

PHASE is campaigning against concentrated flight paths over South East London. The Coalition is the largest

The proposed expansion of Heathrow will include many new flight paths bringing more aircraft noise to areas of South London. These flight paths are will be concentrated, creating what the CAA has described as noise canyons, over local communities.

Research released recently by Greenpeace suggests that as many as 1.6 million people could be left enduring constant noise from aircraft. (3)

A large number of MPs from South London such as Helen Hayes, Ellie Reeves, Janet Daby, Sarah Jones, Steve Reed, Rosena Allin-Khan, Marsha De Cordova, Clive Efford, Teresa Pearce Matthew Pennycook, Justine Greening, Zac Goldsmith, Tom Brake and Sir Vince Cable all voted against Heathrow expansion in a vote in Parliament in 2018. (4)

Bridget Bell, Plane Hell Action, said:

"We are glad of this opportunity to highlight the fact that plane noise and emissions affect South East Londoners badly, over 18 miles from Heathrow. City Airport flight paths cross under those to Heathrow. The result for many of us is double overflight; or cross-over flight which arises when planes to one airport stop and planes to the other start, giving the overflowed no let-up of any sort."

Paul McGuinness, Chair, No 3rd Runway Coalition said:

"We are delighted to welcome Plane Hell Action into the Coalition. Their decision to join us despite being so far away from Heathrow, demonstrates the vast impact of the airport's current operations. The impact of Heathrow will only increase if expansion goes ahead and will leave no community in London untouched by the noise and air pollution caused by Heathrow."

"Many communities in South East London will be exposed to significant increases in noise from aircraft which will be especially disturbing for those areas not currently overflowed. The extra 700 planes a day in our skies will also mean serious reductions in any respite from noise that communities who are overflowed currently receive."

Ends.

Notes:

1. <https://planehellaction.org.uk/>
2. <https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/heathrow-southwark-council-joins-groups-opposing-airport-expansion-over-emissions-fears/>
3. <https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2019/05/17/heathrow-third-runway-noise-pollution-london/>
4. <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/heathrow-expansion-how-did-your-mp-vote-full-list-of-commons-results-a3872156.html>

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