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Public Meeting on Heathrow Expansion Plans

The No 3rd Runway Coalition is holding a public meeting at Islington Town Hall to provide information about the impact of the proposals to expand Heathrow airport will have on communities in Islington.

The meeting is being hosted by Cllr Caroline Russell (Green, Highbury East) who chairs the London Assembly's Environment Committee. It will take place on Monday 9th September from 7-9pm in Committee Room 1.

The expansion of Heathrow will result in at least 270,000 extra flights over London with dozens flying over Islington every day.

Heathrow also want to bring in an extra 25,000 flights every year (or 68 a day) before they even receive planning permission for a 3rd runway.

The No 3rd Runway Coalition decided to organise a meeting in Islington to help provide communities with relevant information about how best to respond to Heathrow's statutory consultation.

The closest Heathrow organised consultation event was in Cavendish Square, despite the fact that the airspace changes will impact communities across North and East London.

Cllr Caroline Russell AM said: *Flight paths should be designed to minimise the noise disruption to overflown communities, yet with Heathrow's proposals we do not even know precisely where the flight paths will go. For too many people, including children, aircraft noise is a major intrusion into their everyday lives. It is not an acceptable price to pay for air travel and in a climate emergency it makes no sense at all."*

Paul Beckford, Policy Director of the No 3rd Runway Coalition said: *"Heathrow's expansion plans are simply vast. They are seeking to construct the equivalent of another airport next to their existing two runways. This will cause decades of destruction and disruption for millions of people across London. The additional 280,000 planes in our skies every year will bring a significant increase in noise and air pollution for communities in Islington."*

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