

5 Actions for Local Groups

1. Write to your local MP

- Explain the reasons why you oppose expansion.
- Highlight the inadequacies in the Airports NPS – including concerns around the introduction of concentrated flight paths, the failure to adopt WHO standards of noise annoyance, the climate emergency, the lack of a plan to address air pollution, the impact on health and no commitment to improvements in public transport access to the airport.
- Explain your frustration and concerns about the operations of HCEB and ICCAN – their lack of accountability and insufficient powers to hold Heathrow to account.
- Request they attend a local meeting to share their views – whether they are a supporter or not of expansion. Invite the local press.

2. Write to Local Council Leader and your local councillor

- Ask Local Council how they will be responding to the Aviation Strategy.
- Request that they attend a meeting with the Planning Inspectorate to be organised by the Coalition.
- Request that they engage with the Planning Process and submit a Statement of Community Consultation and a Local Impact Report to the Planning Inspectorate.
- Encourage them to join the No 3rd Runway Coalition.

3. Respond to Aviation Strategy Green paper

- Ask DfT for printed copy of the documents.
- Ask for a local meeting with DfT officials.
- See Coalition response guide.

4. Respond to Heathrow consultation

- The statutory consultation is running from 18th June to 13th September which includes Heathrow's detailed masterplan for expansion.
- Preface your response with a complaint that without known flight paths the consultation is incomplete.
- Set out all your objections to the expansion proposals.

5. Register as an interested party with PINS

- Any local group and indeed any individual resident with an interest in opposing expansion can register as an “interested party” with the Planning Inspectorate.
- Once Heathrow’s planning application is accepted by PINS, they must publicise this fact and set a deadline for the receipt of Relevant Representations (a minimum of 28 days). This must include details of how to register to become an interested party.
- The Relevant Representation period is the time you have to register to become an Interested Party. Any member of the public who makes a Relevant Representation becomes an Interested Party at this stage.
- All Interested Parties will be invited to make further Written Representations and can take part in the Examination at hearings etc.
- For more information on the DCO process please head to www.no3rdrunwaycoalition.co.uk/planning