

## PRESS RELEASE



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### **COMMUNITIES 'STUNNED' AT IMPACT OF HEATHROW PLANS**

Residents from Chiswick, Shepherds Bush and Hammersmith were stunned to hear that their area would experience 25,000 extra flight by 2022 and a further 260,000 by 2026 if a third runway were ever to open.

Over 300 residents turned out in their hundreds on Tuesday evening (12<sup>th</sup> February) to learn how the plans for airspace change at Heathrow will drastically impact their area (1).

Gathering at Christ Church on Turnham Green in a heavily over-subscribed event, residents heard from the No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway Coalition who were joined by local MPs Ruth Cadbury and Andy Slaughter, Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Council Stephen Cowan, as well as local campaign groups *Chiswick Against the Third Runway*, *Bedford Park Society* and *Hammersmith & Fulham No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway*.

The airport is currently consulting across west London on how future operations at the airport would work with a third runway, with plans for a range of options put forward for consultation. By the end of the meeting there was outrage with the impacts of what is proposed for the communities of Chiswick, Stamford Brook and Ravenscourt Park.

**Paul Beckford, of the No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway Coalition, who organised the meeting, said:**

*"It was vital that we organised this meeting to help the communities understand the very complex and technical proposals in this airspace consultation.*

*Given the significant and negative impact that expansion would have on this area, it is clear that the best way to stop these additional flights is to oppose a third runway."*

**Andy Slaughter, MP for Hammersmith, said:**

*"My constituents are rightly outraged at the impact Heathrow will have on our community with these plans for more flights over the next few years. I urge everyone to oppose these plans in the strongest possible form."*

**Deborah Cadbury from Chiswick Against the Third Runway, added:** *"We are shocked & stunned by Heathrow's plans to fly 25,000 more aircraft a year right over Chiswick by 2022, in addition to plans for a vast increase in flights from a third runway"*

Whilst **Hammersmith & Fulham Council leader Stephen Cowan noted** that: *"for our children's and grandchildren's sake, we deserve better than a vanity project that will cost billions of pounds of taxpayers' money and contribute nothing to the UK economy."*

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Notes:

1. Picture attached. More available if requested

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