

Flight paths: the new threat to our skies



Act now to save your community

Our peace is under threat – again.

Edinburgh Airport is proposing flight path changes that would unleash life-changing noise and pollution. They would affect hundreds of thousands of people and homes in West Lothian and in parts of south Fife and Falkirk, Edinburgh and East Lothian. Valued tranquil open spaces from the Forth Coast to the Bathgate Hills will be transformed by noisy jet aircraft roaring overhead.

The clock is ticking. The airport's consultation ends on April 30 2017. Please take a little time to find out how your home and your favourite places would be affected by the airport's latest proposals, and to make your voice heard.

What exactly is happening?

Edinburgh Airport has launched a second consultation on changing its flight path routes – see www.letsgofurther.com.

The first consultation set out vague areas where planes might fly. Now the airport has published its preferred routes.

They have published a long and complex mountain of documents. The bottom line is that large communities and quiet rural areas many miles from the runway are set to be blasted by 80 decibels of noise, 70 times a day.

As a guide, 80 decibels is loud enough to stop conversations. It's equivalent to the noise of busy traffic just 5m away.

Haven't we been here before?

People in West Lothian will recall the misery of the summer of 2015 only too well. That's when our lives were disrupted by noise and pollution under an experimental flight path route known as TUTUR.

The airport was forced to abandon that trial, after public uproar and a record number of complaints. But its new proposals effectively revive that route. (It's now called D HAVEN.)

So our communities face a repeat of the unbearable experience of 2015. But this time, it would be permanent.

What can we do about it?

It's critical that we tell the airport, and those with influence over it, that we won't accept these unjustified plans for expansion

Please make your voice heard by doing three things:

1 Respond to the airport's consultation before the end of April at www.letssofarther.com. It's very dense and technical – perhaps deliberately. Don't let that put you off. It's vital that the airport hears from as many people as possible.

2 Tell the Civil Aviation Authority what you think. The airport needs CAA approval to get its changes through. Contact them at www.caa.co.uk or use our response card which can be downloaded from www.edinburghairportwatch.com

3 Lobby your MPs, MSPs and councillors. The airport sets the terms of its own consultations and doesn't publish responses. Only our politicians can combat the airport's arrogance, rein in its plans and curb the damaging effects on our communities. Contact them today! Tell them about your concerns for your home and your family.

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