



EDINBURGH AIRPORT WATCH

Call to action! “The 3Rs”

Every day, people are contacting us to ask “*What can we do to put a stop to the airport’s plans?*” At Edinburgh Airport Watch, we recommend that you do the following:

- 1. Respond!**
- 2. Reject!**
- 3. wRite a letter or email!**

- 1. Respond** to the consultation before 30th April either by letter or via the online survey form at www.letsgofurther.com. Encourage your friends, neighbours, family, colleagues to respond – even if they do not live in an affected area as they might want to try and save the multiple areas of tranquillity that will also be badly affected.
- 2. Reject** all of these proposals – every single flight path, every option. All options are on the table, not just the so called “preferred routes”. The consultation process is significantly flawed and we do not believe you have been given all the information you need to make a proper judgement.
- 3. Write** a letter or email to the airport outlining your concerns and why you have chosen to reject the proposals.

Copy in: every one of your elected representatives – your MP, your MSPs, your local authority councillors, the CAA, the aviation Minister at Westminster, the Scottish transport minister and EAW
Here is the list:

A: Edinburgh Airport – there is no published email address in the airport’s documentation, only a freepost address, however we believe this email address will reach the consultation team:

letsgofurther@edinburghairport.com

Alternatively, email the Chief Executive directly: gordon_dewar@edinburghairport.com

B: Look up your **MP or MSP** here: <https://www.writetothem.com>

Contact your **local authority** – Edinburgh Council, West Lothian Council, Fife Council, Falkirk Council etc and find your local councilors and their email address

C: Chief Executive of the Civil Aviation Authority – the regulator of airspace in the UK:

andrew.haines@caa.co.uk

D: Lord Ahmad, the Aviation Minister: ahmadt@parliament.uk

E: Humza Yousaf, Scottish Transport Minister: humza.yousaf.msp@parliament.scot

F: Edinburgh Airport Watch: edinburghairportwatch@gmail.com

Keep a copy for yourself – the airport has a track record of losing responses from the public!

Call to Action # 2: Contact your MSP to ask them to sign Neil Findlay's Parliamentary Motion S5M 04708

Neil Findlay MSP has lodged a motion at Holyrood about the Airport's current consultation. If this motion receives support from MSPs from at least 3 political parties, it becomes eligible to be debated in the Chamber. Neil Findlay was able to lead a previous member's debate in September 2015 which led to the scrapping of the airport's TUTUR flight path trial. Here is how you can lend your voice to the call for the matter to be opened up to Parliamentary Scrutiny.

PLEASE send an email to all of your 8 MSPs and ask them to sign the motion. So far the motion has been signed by MSPs from the Labour party and the Green Party, and we need just one more MSP from a third political party to sign up for the motion to be eligible for debate.

The airport is under serious pressure. At recent well attended public meetings in Dunfermline and Livingston, angry and worried members of the public were queuing up to ask reasonable questions that the airport simply failed to answer adequately. The proposals for an entire new flight path network around the airport are based on faulty data, the documents are poorly designed, unclear and intended to confuse. There is little justification for these proposals that are dividing communities, and will have life changing consequences for hundreds of thousands of people and many areas of tranquility. Sensible questions are simply not being answered. **The airport's plans need to be subjected to serious parliamentary scrutiny. Your email to your MSPs today will be the first step along that road**

Motion S5M – 04708 *“That the Parliament notes what it sees as the growing concerns about Edinburgh Airport’s plan to introduce new flight paths; understands that around 120 people attended the latest in a series of public meetings in Livingston to voice their opposition; believes that a number of flaws within the consultation have been identified, including the lack of inclusion of a health impact assessment of the proposed changes to airspace use since 2014, despite a number of residents reporting mental and physical health effects due to increased noise over their homes, the lack of evidence for the assertion that 25,000 fewer properties will be overflown as a result of the changes, that Winchburgh and East Calder residents were informed through the first consultation that they would not be affected by any proposed changes but have since found that they will be affected by new plans, and the use of outdated census data from 2011 as the basis for the consultation, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to urge the Civil Aviation Authority to demand that Edinburgh Airport scraps what is considered this flawed consultation and begins the process again with up-to-date information and a more robust and credible consultation process.”*

3 easy steps to ensure the issue is debated in Parliament:

1. Look up your MSPs <https://www.writetothem.com>
2. Email them to ask them to support Neil Findlay's motion
<https://bb.parliament.scot/.../DetailsPart.../S5M04708/20170321>
3. Copy us in to your email to us at our address below com and please Tweet or Facebook that you have done it. Thank you!

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