

# Schools/Education

“Unacceptable noise pollution over my home and children's school”

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“Please stop this. The noise is unbearably oppressive late in the evening. It is also very disruptive inside school.”

“We tried to move away from the noise and now it has become louder. It is waking our young children and they are tired for school in the morning.

We've lived here for 18 years but the noise has not been this bad since Concorde stopped. At least it was only twice a day. We close the windows at night because the flights go on late and start early. I work in a school in Ham and we keep having to stop in outdoor lessons because the children can't hear.

Our school is directly under this flight path it is making lesson especially outdoor PE incredibly hard to teach and is very distracting.

Because it is disturbing my children's ability to get to sleep - they are tired when they need to go to school and therefore it is impacting on their education and wellbeing.

Find the noise disturbing. Also work in school in area, and the noise is disruptive for the children.

The noise from the planes is continuous, persistent and excessive. As a residenty ability to relax, unwind and use my garden is affected. As a teacher in a local school it is intrusive and affects lessons and assemblies making it difficult to concentrate and listen effectively.

It affects my 13 year old daughters school as they have to temporarily stop lessons because the teachers cannot be heard. Please stop the increase in air traffic that affects us all who have asked for it to stop.

We have now had a full week of easterly plane departures and this regime is materially impacting the quality of my family's life. We are all suffering from sleep deprivation (planes stop well after 11.30pm and start at 6.15am!). My 2 sons have been taken sick from school already and are struggling to recover due to incessant plane noises.

# Business

I have a recording studio for voice work at my home for professional purposes and am finding it impossible to record anything over 15 – 20 ~SECONDS at a time. I cannot record books at the moment and am losing money because of it. The noise continues till 11.30pm at night and I have the choice to work through the night. That and noisy children in the school holidays has confirmed for me that I have to move house next year. Impossible situation.

It is affecting my ability to get to sleep at night, and also my work, as I work from home. And it has completely altered the peaceful character of Teddington.

It affects my sleep. It also affects how and when I work. When the jets are nearby and or overhead, I cannot be taking or receiving business calls, and I am a one man business working from home and this is really important to me when speaking with new and or potential customers.

Our quality of life is affected considerably by the dramatic increase in noise; my daughter wakes up from it, I can't have a proper conversation anymore and when on the top floor in my office, people can't understand half of what I say...

I work from home and even with double glazing can hear the planes overhead all day whilst on global conference calls, its very disrupting when on speakerphone and I feel like I need to mute myself due to the overhead plane noise. Please make this trial stop and not have the unacceptable noise in the future.

This noise affects my customers in my business. I have operated for 8 years and have had occasional air traffic noise. Now it's become unbearable every day, and my customers are not happy !!

This noise is intolerable. I have sleep deprivation, I can't relax in the Bushy Park because of the planes, I can't work from home anymore because of the noise.

I have wondered about the increased flight traffic, and it has greatly affected me and my family life. Our garden during the day and our evenings used to be quiet, with only faint airplane noise. Now it feels constant, and I worry about the pollution as well as am bothered by the noise as I work from home and I have young children. I vehemently oppose this increased flight traffic, and I also strongly oppose a new runway at Heathrow. This is a green and quiet residential are. I want to keep it that way!

Noise is disrupting as i work from home

The noise is so loud i can't think straight. working from home is necessary for me but impossible to talk on the phone when planes come so near and so low overhead.

# Sleep

The noise is unbearable and wakes my kids up. Please don't make the change permanent as we will move out of the area! A low noisy plane is going over as I write this!

I can't sleep and it's stopping my young children sleeping. I have lived in the same house for 10 years and never had a problem until now

The increase in noise has destroyed our family life. My 2 year old struggles to sleep (as do we!), we have to interrupt conversations. The planes are so low we can count their windows! Please please stop.

I get up for work at 5 am. The increased air traffic noise has shortened my night's sleep by up to two hours.

I'm signing because the noise has become incredibly disruptive, keeping me awake, ruining my new baby's sleep, and the planes are so low and loud our windows rattle.

I have noticed an increase in noise since the change of flight path. It is affecting the life of me and my family as it is preventing us from sleeping at night. It is horrific and I was not consulted.

I'm signing because I've noticed a big difference in aircraft noise. It's having a major impact on my family's quality of life. The noise prevents me sleeping, and wakes us all up. Even with all windows and doors shut, we have to turn the TV up if the planes are passing over.

The noise is seriously affecting my families sleep patterns and is resulting in tired, tetchy people.

The increase in noise has been extremely noticeable and is throughout the day with little respite. I have three young children who are woken by the increased noise at early hours and I have trouble getting them to sleep.

I can't go to sleep at night until they've stopped. The noise is constant. Not a plane now and then, it's like every 3 minutes.

I have a small baby and planes are forever waking her up during nap times

The noise is profound and disturbing stopping us from getting to sleep. The children can't sleep and are very scared by the level of noise.

# Health

My son can't sleep. I can't sleep and I'm heavily pregnant, this is incredibly stressful and there's no respite. Very sneaky to not be informed of the trials, and hugely unfair for us who bought a home NOT directly under the flight path. The impact this will have on our property value, health (mental & physical), and lifestyle is huge.

The noise of the planes going over our house that we have lived in for less than one year causes significant distress, depression and have a massive impact on the quality of our lives - we are devastated that this has just happened as we have moved to the area and it genuinely affects my mental health. Please reconsider it is driving me mad.

My 2 sons have been taken sick from school already and are struggling to recover due to incessant plane noises.

The increased air traffic noise is so loud it is disrupting our lives. It is waking us up & keeping us from sleeping. If we are talking when a plane goes over, we have to stop speaking until the plane is gone. It is causing increased air pollution over our area, which has caused both mine & my husbands asthma to become less controlled.

We have sleep deprivation. Our immune systems are low, resulting in more colds, arguments, depression, and anxiety.

I am signing because my family and I need to sleep more than 4 hours a night. We are exhausted and our quality of life has deteriorated dramatically.

I moved away from Brentford to Teddington because of the flight path. I suffer from depression and the sound of planes has a significant negative impact on my health. I am appalled that just 4 months after moving house I am under attack again from the planes. Please do not make this permanent.

Because the noise as it is wakes up my newborn boy and 2 year old girl. It directly affects our ability to sleep and relax, which has a direct affect upon my family's health.

The planes are right over my house, every few minutes, from 7am till 11pm. It induces a feeling of stress and anxiety - I am unable to relax.

This just cannot continue. Our health and enjoyment of our home life has been damaged hugely.

We have 3 members of the family suffering from asthma. I myself am very sensitive to noise and pollution. We moved to Twickenham as a family 15 years ago when it was all very quiet, it is now getting worse and worse the plane noises and pollution.

# Noise

The noise levels are intolerable and frequently require me to use earplugs. I've lived here for 35 years and it has never been so bad. Concorde was noisier but twice a day pales in comparison.

The noise is horrid. My son can't sleep, we can't hear people on the phone and the louder planes set off car alarms in our street. Terrible terrible terrible noise.

I have found the noise significantly worse, waking my daughter up at night

The noise levels have increased hugely and are now impacting on sleep and quality of life.

There has been a huge increase in volume and frequency of noise including late at night. Any prior notification or consultation must have been exceptionally poor as neither I or any neighbours were aware of any such efforts

There has been a significant increase in the noise from aircraft due to the recent trials. The noise is at unacceptable levels and is significantly higher than when we chose to move to Teddington 2.5 years ago.

I'm signing because the air traffic noise levels recently have been so much louder than ever before. I accept there will be some noise from planes as we live near heathrow, however the sudden increase in noise is dramatic and really very disturbing. Not only does the noise affect being able to have a conversation in the garden as the planes take off the noise is so loud! But also it is affecting our relaxing and sleeping.

The noise is profound and disturbing stopping us from getting to sleep. The children can't sleep and are very scared by the level of noise.

The aircraft noise has been appalling over the last two or three weeks. The planes have been flying lower and the noise has been hugely increased. The noise is also continuing until at least midnight if not beyond. It would be destroy our quality of life in what has always been a quiet and peaceful area to have that on a regular basis.

The noise levels have become disruptive and too loud. I have found since the new flight path trial planes have been extremely lower and louder. My house is directly under the flight path and I have noticed a significant difference in noise levels. As a student this has become disruptive to my work as it is very distracting!!!!

There seems to be a definite increase in the noise levels over Teddington, and flights appear to be following the same track one after the other, rather than following around 3 different tracks sequentially as they used to do, resulting in a more sustained and intrusive level of noise pollution and disturbance.

# Moved specifically to avoid plane noise

I did a lot of research before I moved to Teddington 8 years ago - and moved here with the knowledge that there are flights but not so much that they are disruptive. The trials have changed that - it is a constant traffic of planes overhead and the noise level is unacceptable with literally no break.

It is disrupting my sleep, work and quality of life. I moved from Kew 6 years ago to find a quieter place to reside, and residents under a newly proposed flight path need to be consulted with proactively before changes are made.

I moved to my house to get away from excessive noise from aircraft now it is worse than where I lived previously .

I personally moved from Richmond to Teddington to escape the excessive and constant noise from planes, which I found stressful and bad for my health. I now have an adopted daughter who suffers with sensory integration disorders, especially noise, and we are both finding this excessive and continuous plane noise over Teddington lately, extremely stressful and having a huge effect on our sleep, health and well-being. We love living in Teddington and my adopted daughter of two years is just about to start secondary school. I find it absolutely outrageous that we would have to move again if this noise continues, especially after all that my adopted daughter has already had to suffer in her life and now that she finally feels happy, settled and making friends in Teddington!

It's important to me as I lived in Twickenham for 38 years of planes screaming overhead, including Concord, and moved to West Molesey to get away from the noise which is sometimes unbearable.

By changing you shift why and how people have lived and moved. I have always avoided certain areas. by shifting the flight paths, how are people supposed to make a decision on where ad how they live?

Recently moved from Ealing for peace and quiet in our retirement but noise is appalling when flights come directly over this residential area, FAR TOO LOW

I moved to this area over 10 years ago from Isleworth where the noise was unbearable- the noise levels here are now just as bad with early morning and flights until late every day of the week. I cannot even take, make phone calls without the interruption at home of the noise.

We have to close the windows at night for the children to get to sleep. The noise is unbelievable. We moved to this area because it didn't suffer with the noise pollution of other post codes. We can no longer have a conversation without being consistently interrupted by plane noise.

We moved her to escape from Ealing noise for peace in our retirement, only for the noise to increase as soon as we arrived!

I used to live in Isleworth but could not cope with aeroplane noise. Moved after one year. 12 years on moved to cole park Road where the aeroplane noise did not really affect the area/road. Wondered why all of a sudden we were getting air craft noise. Extremely upsetting. The noise seems endless and to think it might be for ever is extremely depressing. Please Stop!!

When we looked at areas to live in 8 years ago we specifically chose areas that were not affected by the flight path from Heathrow. Now we have been living in Walton on Thames for 8 years we have to put up with continual noise from planes flying overhead, heavy with fuel so they are particularly noisy.

We have recently moved house, and took account of the Heathrow factor when we made our decision, and now we are directly underneath these trial flights. Our bedroom is in a converted loft space and it is impossible to sleep until the planes have stopped at night.

I've moved away from the airport and it is now too loud here. I have to stop talking on the phone and my son who is on the autistic spectrum gets worried about the noise. We cannot afford to move again. I am really upset about this and would never have moved here had we known.

# Would move away if made permanent

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Haven't slept in almost a week thanks to the persistent whining and thundering of aircraft overhead. Moved to beautiful Teddington a few months ago, will be moving out if this continues! Heathrow trials are killing communities. How many more complaints do they need before they get the message - stop the trials NOW! Keep planes away from people - they don't mix. Or prepare for litigation - for sending us all stark staring mad!

We moved from Hounslow because the noise level from aircraft was so extreme there. We had to downsize in order to afford to move to Teddington. This year there has been such an increase in noise levels that once again our quality of life has been affected. We cannot afford to move again and need the flight paths resumed to their previous state and the trials to stop.

I'm signing this because the aircraft noise over east Molesey has since trials started risen to a level I find totally unacceptable particularly early in the morning and late at night. I will consider moving if it continues.

The noise is constant, unrelenting and seriously disruptive. There was no warning or consultation. I've lived in Molesey for 33 years and the aircraft noise has never been like this. Had I known there was going to be a trial or any indication that this would be permanent, I would have moved. There's a reason I don't live in Richmond - the noise is awful. I thought we were safe here.

I grew up in Isleworth where they were constant and a nuisance, I don't want to move again!

I moved to Teddington Lock in March because of the quiet and attractive location. This tranquility has now been destroyed and my planned peaceful retirement ruined. I will be forced at great expense to move again if this stressful level of noise disturbance continues.

I live and work from home so the noise directly over my house/office is GETTING UNBEARABLE. I am even considering moving which after 5 years would be very sad and very unnecessary.