

The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP
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Dear Mr Gove

Thank you for your letter of 18 May received this week regarding the PA Consulting Analysis and your upcoming meeting with the CEOs of NATS and Heathrow on June 7.

I would like to make it absolutely clear that the summary of changes is not my conclusion as your letter states but rather a jointly agreed summary with Heathrow. This is an important point. Despite the clarity of the report's findings, it required a great many draft summaries such as Heathrow's intent on attempting to word the document to be in its favour and to minimise the changes identified. As with most situations, where the outcome does not suit Heathrow, we find we are drawn into unacceptable and time consuming word games. I trust you will stick to the points of change agreed and summarised i.e. increased number of flights, concentration of flights and lowering of altitude of flights.

You wish me luck with my 'crusade'. This is a campaign against unacceptable changes in aircraft noise, not a personal crusade. The campaign represents over 1000 of your constituents in the 3 Villages and surrounding area. If it is a crusade, then it should also be your crusade.

I trust that at the meeting with HAL and NATS you will robustly challenge some of the industry spin as it continues to attempt to minimise the issues and persuade Ministers that all is well. It most certainly is not and members of the Heathrow Community Noise Forum are once again questioning the value of this forum which talks a lot but delivers no change.

Our local and County Councillors seem content to accept unchallenged any and all information Heathrow provides. The analysis has not merited a single response or comment from them which is a staggering state of affairs from people voted in and paid for by taxes of the residents they now choose to ignore. Neither has any seen fit to investigate or comment on the summary of the survey provided (you were also copied) in which the responses highlighted the continued issue of noise, the under-reporting of the scale of the issues and the reasons for the under-reporting by local residents. Instead, they continue to deny that changes have taken place despite the now irrefutable evidence to the contrary.

We sadly lack the collective intellect or calibre of Councillor able or willing to meaningfully engage in the complex and important matters concerning changes in our airspace, but as our elected MP charged with representing the interests of all constituents, I have no doubt you will not be so easily fobbed off and will instead hold the industry to account to explain the reasons for the changes and what it intends to do to rectify the situation.

Yours sincerely



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