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Hello

Please find below the statement I gave at the open floor session

Best regards

Alison Mitchell

Equality Impact Assessment

I wish to speak on behalf of the young, the old and ethnic groups who will be adversely affected by noise for the short and long term over a wide geographical area.

The Equality Impact Assessment identifies the adverse impact of noise on health of groups recognised under the Equality Act - Children under 16, older people, babies, pregnant women, and foetuses, and particular ethnic groups. However it provides no mitigating actions. The document simply states that there will be impacts and nothing more. The absence of recommended mitigations is very troubling in terms of the legislation.

I do not consider that the information fulfils the expectation that 'the effects of the Proposed Development in relation to human rights and equality duties are matters that will be taken into account as overarching or integral components of the initial assessment of principal issues by the Examining Authority when they consider the application.'

1. I am pleased the examination has asked for more details
2. I request that the full details are made public and opened for further consultation as the assessment is not comprehensive enough to map out meaningful specific impact mitigations.

More evidence needs to be provided

3. It was not clear who was consulted, including demographics, geographical area and numbers involved.
4. It was also not clear whether the analysis considered both construction in the local area in the relatively short term, and for the longer term along the flight path as capacity increases.
5. Increased air traffic noise will adversely affect people in these protected groups with resultant long term physical and mental distress. This health problem will not go away with time.
6. I have seen children clasp their ears and run indoors away from aircraft noise. There needs to be consideration of noise impact in relation to rural low ambient noise.
7. A wide geographical view of the affected population, under the flight paths should be undertaken for full 24 hour periods.
8. There needs to be proposed mitigation steps for the long term impact of noise on these identified groups.
9. There is no blanket mitigation and such a large scale development needs to consider a matrix of circumstances.

**I request full disclosure of the scale, method, analysis and recommendations be made public for further debate.**

Reference to [Annex C of the Rule 6 letter](#), which includes an action on noise

*'Noise • Effects of air and road traffic • Assessment and modelling assumptions including use of 2019 baseline • Night flights • Mitigation measures - including use of limits and quota counts'*