

# MINUTES of the meeting of HACAN South East (HSE)

Tuesday 30 January 2018

7.30 - 9pm, Kennington Park Community Centre

Chair : Dan Scorer (SE4)

## Management Committee:

Helen Anderson (SW8), Vice Chair

Bridget Bell (SE5), Secretary

Mo Korda (SE11), Digital Communications

John Stewart (SW8), Treasurer (and HACAN Chair)

Mark Webb (SE5), HSE Community Outreach (apologies)

## Present:

Rachel Carey Thomas (SE5), Rosemary Dawson (, Toby Eckersley (SE17), Matthew Eglise (SE14), Dr Akhtar Khahoo (SW8), Rita and Martin Morris (SE9), John Roome (SW9), Neil Towers (SE3), Tim Walker (SE23)

**Apologies:** Mina Blauel (SW8); Harriet Harman, MP Camberwell & Peckham (SE5); Ben Henshaw (SE5); Doreen Kingston-Smith (SE22); Liza Sadovy (SE4)

## 1. Welcome and thanks

Dan Scorer welcomed everyone and talked through the format of the Agenda

## 2. Introductions

Dan introduced the Management Committee, including Mark Webb who looks after HSE's community outreach.

## 3. HSE update

- Heathrow's Public Consultations - links were sent to all present on 1.2.18 and are attached

2.5m people have been leafleted within the 54dB contour, which barely reaches SE5 and certainly not SE17. The closest [exhibition venue](#) is in Lambeth, 16 February 2018. Both Heathrow and Harriet Harman have been approached to arrange further venues in SE London.

This is a Heathrow-, not Government-, led consultation and is in two parts:

- a. the 3rd runway, less relevant to HSE but the larger consultation and suggesting that the 3rd runway has been approved by Government
- b. airspace modernisation, highly relevant to HSE and smaller: CAA will oversee Heathrow's consultation and, following the disastrous implementation of concentrated City and Gatwick flight paths, there is a clear process laid down before the Heathrow flight-path implementation in 2022/2023. CAA is mandated to design the flight paths to accommodate a 3rd runway.

### Action:

The Treasurer will report back on the relationship between CAA and LHR for complete transparency.

The Treasurer will continue discussions with Heathrow on organising a consultation meeting in south east London. Lewisham was suggested as an accessible centre, in the heart of a heavily overflown area. John to investigate possible venues.

**The closing date for responses to the consultations is 28 March 2018**

**NB** The comment was made on two occasions that HSE exists because of the **existing** problem of noise and concentrated flight paths and these, not the Consultations, should be the priority focus of current and future action. It was agreed that the forthcoming plane count report would make this point, emphasising that change to flight paths must happen as soon as possible- we can't wait 7 years.

- **3rd runway vote**

The Transport Select Committee is currently scrutinising the National Policy Statement that was consulted on last December 2017. If they reject the 3rd runway proposal the expansion will not take place. If they agree the proposal it becomes Government policy, Heathrow will draw up detailed plans, the planning application and enquiry will take place in 2020, be reported on in 2021, and the 3rd runway built for full operation by 2025.

Heathrow has spend billions lobbying commercial organisations to vote in favour of expansion. The Labour Party's position on the 3rd runway is in question, the Liberal Party is against

- **HACAN SE Counting Planes Report**

The report is in its final draft, and it is hoped there will be a media exclusive in the Evening Standard with colour spread, and in the South London press. It will be available (possibly still in draft format) before the SE London Heathrow meeting. The report is a timely intervention in the light of the current Consultations.

CAA's involvement gives the report credibility as does using Heathrow's online tracking tool xPlane. The scrutiny of the count figures confirm the count findings: flight paths have become increasingly concentrated in narrow corridors, dramatically so in some cases. There is clear evidence of change without consultation and repeated denials from CAA and NATS of people's lived experience.

How do we built on the report? Write to MPs making demands backed by a credible report and asking for results now, not in 7 years' time.

Those who had contributed were thanked.

- **Management Committee**

More members are invited, to be representative of local communities, to campaign, to cover London City as well as Heathrow and to enable HSE to do more. Those present were invited to comment on the 'Asks', attached, see pt 4 below. We are pleased to say that immediately after the meeting new members have come forward, which we will update on at the next meeting.

- **website**

While not officially launched and still being populated it is live: [www.hacansoutheast.org.uk](http://www.hacansoutheast.org.uk)  
Mo Korda was thanked for her work.

- **GLA invitation**, 1 February, 2 - 3.15pm; contact [info@hacaneast.org.uk](mailto:info@hacaneast.org.uk)

Following the delivery of flight-path cake to the CAA in July 2017 Cllr Keith Prince AM, current Chair of the GLA Transport Committee, had invited those present to relay their concerns about London City Airport and the wider problem of noise across London.

**4. Comment invited re 'asks'** - see 'Management Committee' above; comments should be sent to the Secretary: [planehell@outlook.com](mailto:planehell@outlook.com)

The Treasurer gave a quick explanation of noise measurements used by the UK aviation policy organisations:

**Leq:** noise measurements averaged out over a 16-hour day i.e. excluding night flights, and more weight given to reducing plane noise rather than acknowledging that the numbers of planes are increasing; average measurement of 54dB covers Clapham SW4 but in 2017 an increasing percentage are annoyed by 51dB which covers SE London

**Lden:** describes noise levels applied to a 12-hour day (54dB), 4-hour evening (49dB), 8-hour night (44dB)

Leq57 enables Heathrow to argue that only 250 000 people are affected; whereas Lden55 (actual/lived experience) 755 000 are affected by Heathrow flight paths

**5. Priorities for actions** proposed for next 6 months

**Action:** HSE will produce a calendar of actions, events, key milestones in a timeline on the website: [www.hacansoutheast.org.uk](http://www.hacansoutheast.org.uk), and share by email with members and residents associations, for promotion via their networks, updates and meetings.

**6. AOB**

**Action:** The **Secretary** will respond to Liza Sadovy re pollution fallout over flight path corridors- her point was discussed and noted.

**Action:** The HSE **Treasurer** in his role of Chair of HACAN will follow up Rita Morris' question about Eltham- and Greenwich-based interest and the Heathrow Consultations, supporting engagement with local politicians.

**7. Date of next meeting/s:** Tuesday 13 March (possible) and Tuesday 22 May (definite), 7.30pm at KPCC

8. The meeting ended at 9pm and Dan Scorer was thanked for chairing it.