



Wandsworth

Wandsworth Council

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Date: 27th October 2026

Dear Mr Milton,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider the arrangements for Heathrow's consultation on its expansion proposals and ensure that Wandsworth residents have a proper opportunity to participate.

I am disappointed that Wandsworth has not been included in the programme of public consultation events, despite the assurance I received that an event would be held in the borough. Nor has Heathrow offered to provide consultation materials through our libraries, despite making provisions for this elsewhere. Wandsworth residents should not be expected to travel outside the borough to put questions directly to Heathrow and make an informed response.

This is particularly concerning given the impact Heathrow already has on our borough. Heathrow's own data recorded an average of 437 overflights a day in Battersea in mid-August 2026. Aircraft noise already disrupts everyday life for those living, working and studying in Wandsworth.

The Council remains firmly opposed to any expansion that would increase flights over Wandsworth, reduce the respite residents receive from aircraft noise or worsen the environmental pressures on our communities. Residents facing the prospect of more frequent overflight and less respite must be given full access to the proposals and a meaningful opportunity to scrutinise them.

I therefore ask Heathrow to arrange a public consultation event in Wandsworth. At the very least, the full consultation materials should be made readily available through Wandsworth's libraries, allowing residents to access the information locally. The result is that Wandsworth residents will have fewer opportunities than other communities to examine the proposals,

and participate in a consultation whose outcome could directly affect their homes, health and quality of life.

Wandsworth residents are entitled to the same access to information and opportunities to participate as communities elsewhere. I would welcome prompt confirmation of the steps Heathrow will take to address this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Morritt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Councillor Robert Morritt

Leader of Wandsworth Council