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Dear Sir,

**Trial at Heathrow 2011/2012.**

The Brentford Community Council, which is the principal Amenity Society in this part of the London Borough of Hounslow, was not advised of the proposed trial which is set to start on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and last for four months, followed by a further trial later in 2012.

We were advised of your proposal by individual residents, who received copies of your leaflet a few days ago, giving very little notice and no opportunity to be involved in the trial and the permanent changes which may follow.

The Brentford Community Council was an objector at the public inquiry into the proposal to build terminal 4, and into the subsequent inquiry into the proposal to build terminal 5.

At each of these inquiries the inspector and the Secretary of State sought to allow the applications, but to limit the total number of flights.

**All these limits have been exceeded. It is therefore very difficult for residents to put any trust in such statements as your “this trial will not mean an increase in the number of flights operating in to or out of Heathrow.”**

It appears that the trial will reduce the remission of over-flying now achieved through “alternation”. The hours when the northern runway will be unused will diminish. These hours give residents the opportunity to enjoy their peace and in particular to use their gardens without the constant noise and pollution of over-flying aircraft.

Flights early in the morning cause particular disturbance and on the days planes use the northern runway this is a significant problem in Brentford. Proposals to use both runways at the same time can only increase distress.

The Brentford Community Council would like to record:

- 1. Our objection that we have not been consulted well before the trial period. As registered objectors to both terminal 4 and terminal 5 it was well known that we were “stakeholders” in this decision.**
- 2. We object to the trial because, even if no more planes use the airport, residents in Brentford will be adversely affected.**
- 3. The trial coincides with the increased traffic likely to be generated by the Olympic Games. This is likely to show that the proposed operations would permit more aircraft movements and will therefore be used as a way of further increasing the number of flights in to and out of Heathrow.**
- 4. We are looking for a reduction of night flights. No improvement is included in the trial.**
- 5. We object to the trial because it is concerned with operations at Heathrow without being concerned with the quality of life for West London residents.**

I would be grateful if you note these views.

We are writing to the new Secretary of State to ask her to cancel the trial.

Yours faithfully

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