

EFRA E-Newsletter

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Flight Paths: Northfields could have aircraft flying overhead 365 days a year

Heathrow Airport launched an important consultation exercise in January with responses required by 4th March. The consultation covers:

- New flight paths resulting in changes to runway alternation and respite
- Questions regarding the current Westerly Preference regime (which means when there is a light easterly wind flights still take off over Windsor).
- New night flight regime
- Extra flights from 2022 by introducing Independent Parallel Approaches (IPA).

The consultation provides maps of what new flight paths might look like – with or without the construction of Runway 3. These show that the changes could result in Northfields/South Ealing experiencing sustained landing noise/pollution for the first time. There could also be more flights taking off over our area.

Part of the consultation includes proposals to add an additional 25,000 flights each year using Heathrow starting in 2022. This could happen even without the new runway.

The full consultation is available at <https://afo.heathrowconsultation.com/>. HACAN, the pressure group lobbying against expansion at Heathrow, has produced a series of briefings that describe the topics under consultation in more detail and provide guidance on how to respond: <https://hacan.org.uk/>. Look out for 'Major Heathrow Consultation launched today'.

EFRA will prepare a response to the consultation exercise. Our stance is that we oppose expansion at Heathrow, including additional flights from 2022. Our response will reflect this but some elements of the consultation, such as changing flight paths will happen even if R3 is not built and no additional flights are permitted. We therefore have to make a case for being spared a massive increase in additional noise. The density of schools in South Ealing will be raised; the negative impact on schoolchildren from continuous aircraft noise is a known fact. We will post the EFRA response on our website as soon as it is available but we encourage all Members to respond individually to strengthen our hand.

Work starts on New High School

Site clearance has already begun for the new 850 pupil high school which will be located on the site of the former King Fahad Academy / St Anne's Convent.

The sequence of works will be:

Jan 2019 to Jun 2019	Clearances & Demolitions
Feb 2019 to Apr 2020	Refurbishment of Listed Buildings.
May 2019 to Oct 2019.	Superstructure Steel, concrete & roofing
Oct 2019.	Mains electricity, gas & water & telecoms On
Sep 2019 to Jan 2020	Superstructure Cladding Windows & Doors.
Nov 2019 to Jun 2020	Building Services and internal fit out.

Apr 2020 to Jul 2020	Internal Finishes, decorations and floor finishes.
Apr 2020 to Jul 2020	External Hard & Soft Landscaping.
Jul 2020	Handing over building for school move.

The school's contractors are keen to maintain good relations with residents during the challenging demolition and construction period. They are therefore issuing regular email updates to residents and will also be holding periodic meetings.

EFRA strongly recommends that anyone who is interested in receiving these updates email their contact details to Keith McGinness, who is the senior manager for the project, at: k.mcginness@bandk.co.uk

Registering with Keith is already providing an invaluable and immediate communication means for those neighbouring residents who experienced unexpectedly strong vibrations during the recent clearance works. Other challenges may well emerge given a project of this complexity.

EFRA is keen to monitor the demolition and construction and would welcome being copied in to your emails to the School's contractors. The EFRA email address is: contact@efra.org.uk

Northfields Library: Is 'community management' an option?

Ealing Council is proposing radical changes to the delivery of library services in the Borough. Under these proposals, Northfields Library could become 'community managed' with volunteers needed to help run this important community asset. EFRA is in discussion with the Council about how the local community might help manage the library going forward. The Council is launching a 12 week consultation exercise about its proposals in mid February. During this period the Council will hold a local event outlining its proposals.

We will keep Members informed of developments as they occur. We certainly would encourage local residents to comment on the proposals when they are known.

Housing development at the back of Overdale Road?

EFRA has become aware that the owner of the land between Overdale Road and the Tube lines at Northfields Station is in negotiation with the Council about developing the site for housing. We understand that the owner is proposing to build 55 flats on the site. We are pushing for the owner to consult with the local community about the proposals before a formal planning application is submitted to the Council.

Making Northfields Station step free

Working with Transport for All, EFRA launched its campaign to make Northfields Station step free last September. The online petition is still live so if you haven't signed it yet please add your name to the 2000 plus people who have: <https://www.change.org/p/transport-for-london-make-northfields-tube-station-step-free>

We are in discussion with our various partners about when would be the best time to present the petition to the Mayor of London and TfL.

Traffic Calming

EFRA continues to work alongside local residents, schools and local councillors to examine ways to address traffic calming across our area. With a new high school opening in the autumn of 2020 this could add to higher levels of traffic on surrounding roads and EFRA is keen to minimise the impact on local residents.

There have been some notable successes of late with new 20mph signs appearing on many local roads, a new cycle route on Little Ealing Lane and a new zebra crossing installed outside Mount Carmel Primary School. More work still needs to be done though and the Committee is keen to hear the views of people in the local area on this matter.

EFRA AGM: Wednesday 22 May at the Log Cabin – Save the Date

There is a lot happening in our local area. Please come to our AGM Wednesday on 22 May at the Log Cabin (7.00 for 7.30) to discuss planning, community safety and other issues with your Council representatives, local Police Officers and your neighbours.