Dear Resident

Consultation - Biggin Hill Airport proposal to vary the operating hours

I want to encourage you to respond to the consultation about the recent application from Biggin Hill Airport to vary their operating hours.

As you may know, the Council has owned the freehold of the airport for many years, generating a rental income for council taxpayers. The primary reason it was purchased was to ensure its long term success, whilst at the same time protecting residents' interests from across the borough and those living under the flightpath.

This Council consultation follows the consultation carried out by Biggin Hill Airport Limited (BHAL) which proposes a change in operating hours, a commitment to reduce noise, a plan to increase jobs and a willingness to cap or reduce overall flight movements.

The airport is currently open from 06.30 to 22.00 hours, Monday to Friday and 09.00 to 20.00 on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. The current operating hours prohibit landings before 07.30 hours and departures after 21.00 hours Monday to Friday except for aircraft based at the airport which can depart between 06.30 and 07.30 and land between 21.00 and 22.00 which is sometimes referred to as the ‘shoulder’ period.

The new operating hours proposed by BHAL are 06.30 to 23.00 hours, Monday to Saturday and 08.00 to 23.00 hours on Sundays and public holidays. The proposal also restricts movements (flights in or out) in the first half hour of the day, Monday to Saturday, to 8 movements. Movements are also restricted to 8 in the last hour of the day Monday to Sunday.

Full details about the proposals, including the plans to reduce noise levels and generate jobs are available on the Council's website.

Please take just a few minutes to respond as your comments are important to us. You can do this quickly and easily via our online survey which can be filled out by visiting www.bromley.gov.uk/bigginhillairport or alternatively, complete the enclosed survey and return to us folded as outlined, with postage included.

The consultation period closes on Friday 13 March 2015 at 17.00 hours.

Yours sincerely,

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