



Please say NO
to longer Operating Hours
at Biggin Hill Airport



Biggin Hill Airport has requested to increase operating hours by 24.5 hours per week (a 27% increase), of which 9.5 hours are at weekends alone

**No other competing airport has so many hours!
 Even London City Airport has 21 fewer hours**

WE WOULD HAVE OTHER AIRPORTS' AIR TRAFFIC OVER US AT THE MOST UNSOCIAL HOURS

BIGGIN HILL (AS REQUESTED)	NORTHOLT AIRPORT	CITY AIRPORT	FARNBOROUGH HAMPSHIRE
6.30 – 23.00 Mon-Fri 6.30 – 23.00 Sat 8.00 – 23.00 Sun	8.00 – 20.00 Mon-Fri 8.00 – 14.00 Sat 12.00 – 18.00 Sun	6.30 - 22.00 Mon-Fri 6.30 - 12.30 Sat 12.30 - 22.00 Sun	7.00- 22.00 Mon-Fri 8.00 -20.00 Sat 8.00 -20.00 Sun
TOTAL: 114 HOURS	TOTAL: 72 hours	TOTAL: 93 hours	TOTAL: 99 hours

THE AIRPORT'S EMPTY PROMISES

BRAAD have read the Airport's legal proposal document:

**NONE of the major pledges made by the Airport are legally binding or enforceable
BUT the concession from the Council would be, for the remaining 104 years of the Lease**

BE MINDFUL – SAY NO

There will be no noise reduction by 50%

- Vital parts of this pledge are not in the hands of Biggin Hill Airport, as confirmed to BRAAD (Bromley Residents Against Airport Development) by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).
- The recently announced 'no low-fly zones' are unenforceable (based on information provided by the CAA) and limited in any event to 'light' (i.e. hobby/training school) aircraft, which are decreasing in numbers, replaced by larger aircraft.
- The Noise Action Plan offered as "proof" is limited to the airport contours (i.e. a very small area immediately surrounding the airport) and does not consider overflying of many Bromley Council's Wards and parts of neighbouring boroughs.
- Even within such limited scope, the Airport only promises to "assess progress" once every 5 years!

The proposed restrictions offered are all smoke and no substance

- 8 movements between 6.30 and 7.00 – this means an aeroplane every 3.5 minutes!
- 8 movements between 22.00 and 23.00 – this will wake us up every 7 minutes while we are trying to go to sleep, even at weekends (Saturday and Sunday).
- Restrictions would not apply to military aircraft – first, these are not allowed by the Lease anyway and second, they would include helicopters and jet-fighters, which are the noisiest types of aircraft.
- In 2019, the Airport could apply to have the restrictions it now offers lifted by virtue of a property law that could then become applicable. The Airport's long-term objectives are clear.

The Business Jets they intend to fly include the ones mentioned below

- The Airport is no longer talking of the aircraft WE think of as Business Jets. They want to (they already do) fly the Boeing Business Jet, the Airbus Corporate Jet and the Bombardier Global Express, among others. These are built on the bodies of the Boeing 737, the Airbus 319 (yes, the one EasyJet use) and the ultra-long intercontinental Bombardier range, respectively. See below:



*These are allowed by the Lease but why would we tolerate them for **more hours**, particularly unsocial hours when we are asleep or trying to go to sleep, or during the weekend?*

- And let us not forget those noisy helicopters: there are now three airport-based operators of helicopters, plus of course any visiting ones.

There will be NO cap on flights at 50,000 per annum

- It turns out that the Airport has only offered an estimate, not a cap, such estimate to be reviewed every 5 years in line with the Noise Action Plan (which, as mentioned, is limited to airport contours and does not consider overflying). This number could in future continue to increase above 50,000 per year.
- Aircraft will increasingly be of a Boeing 737, Airbus 319 (the type that EasyJet fly) or similar size.
- Small aircraft will decrease, replaced by large-body aeroplanes and helicopters.
- This is why the Airport thinks the total number will not change, but they are not saying that they will cap the number at 50,000 per year.

Any job creation is not substantiated and is unlikely to benefit local residents

- No tangible business plan has been made available proving that Biggin Hill needs longer hours than other airports.
- No additional income to the Council seems to be certain in exchange for the additional misery imposed on the residents under the flight paths. Bromley Council refuses to answer questions on their income estimates. Do they have any?
- Aviation-related companies moving to Biggin Hill are likely to relocate their already trained personnel, causing extra pressure on housing and the need for the council to pay for additional infrastructure and services costs.

THE RESULTS OF THE AIRPORT'S RECENT SURVEY ARE NOT CREDIBLE

Its campaign was supposed to be corroborated by an independent poll, **BUT** the independent poll **DID NOT CORROBORATE** the Airport's findings on the most crucial of the four questions, the one concerning 'Operating Hours' (Note that they say 'Opening Hours' but they mean 'Operating Hours') :
only 35% of respondents fully agree

ULTIMATELY BROMLEY COUNCIL HAD TO ACCEPT THAT IT NEEDED TO RUN ITS OWN CONSULTATION, THIS HAS NOW STARTED, WITH EXPIRY ON 13TH MARCH 2015

THIS CONSULTATION MATTERS – VOTE NO NOW- IT IS EASY AND QUICK

BROMLEY AND ITS NEIGHBOURING BOROUGHES ARE PLEASANT RESIDENTIAL BOROUGHES
 BUT THEY MAY END UP WITH AN AIRPORT IN THEIR MIDST ALLOWED TO OPERATE
 LONGER HOURS THAN EVEN LONDON CITY AIRPORT,
AND INCREASINGLY WITH LARGER AEROPLANES AND NOISY HELICOPTERS

SAY NO to both questions on Bromley Council's website <http://www.bromley.gov.uk/BigginHillairport> (click on 'Complete Online Survey' at bottom of page) – please do not insert any comments or your vote may be counted as qualified (i.e. not a full NO).

Alternatively, you can

- Object to the extension of operating hours at Biggin Hill Airport to airport.consultation@bromley.gov.uk or
- Object to the extension of operating hours at Biggin Hill Airport by post to Airport Consultation Group, London Borough of Bromley, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH

EVERY PERSON'S VOTE COUNTS

PLEASE ASK EVERY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY TO VOTE
 AND ALSO ASK AS MANY FRIENDS AS YOU CAN

Remember to include your name and address for the vote to be valid

Deadline for comments is 5 pm on Friday, 13th March 2015

BRAAD has a lot of information that cannot be included in this short leaflet. Please write to contactbraad@gmail.com with your specific query and we will endeavour to supply you with the most relevant Fact Sheet to your query. We have 18 Fact Sheets to date and are still producing more – there is so much wrong or unsaid about this proposal!

For further information please write to contactbraad@gmail.com or visit BRAAD's website www.BRAAD.co.uk