

# Airspace Consultation

I recently wrote to the Transport Secretary to request a consultation event on airspace changes should be held in Wokingham. I have now received the enclosed reply from the Secretary of State.



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Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2017, about the two consultations on airport capacity and airspace policy.

The rationale for the locations of consultation information events is derived from the Airports Commission's analysis of indicative flightpath data, which projected potential noise impacts of a new runway in 2030. From this we identified local authorities which either border the airport or whose land boundary would be wholly or partly within a 54 dB noise contour. We also included any Parliamentary constituencies on the same basis. This does not mean that people outside these areas are not affected by the impacts of expansion of Heathrow, but I believe we have used reasonable criteria to decide on the locations for the local events.

In addition to the local events, we are also planning to hold a programme of regional stakeholder conference-style events across the UK. For instance there is one in Reading on 12 April and we hope stakeholder groups across the region will register for and attend one of these events.

Further information on the consultation information events being held, including the times and locations of events and the content of the information boards displayed at the events, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/heathrow-airport-expansion#consultation-information-events>

I appreciate that you would have liked the Department to have held an event in your constituency, but you will recognise that the rationale for the locations of the events described above was necessary given the many factors that had to be considered, such as availability of suitable facilities within the consultation window, department resources, logistical considerations and accessibility of

the venues. However, leaving aside the events, I am content that all interested parties across the region and not just those that are close to the airport are nevertheless able to access the information and make an informed response to the consultation, and I would very much encourage them to do so.

*W.L. best wish*

**Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**