

## Hot news from Edinburgh Airport Watch 21st March 2017

### Edinburgh Airport Flawed Flight Path Consultation – MSP motion lodged at Holyrood

#### “Flawed Airport Consultation: Motion in Parliament S5M-04708”

Neil Findlay MSP has lodged a motion at Holyrood about the airport's current consultation. Link and full text below.

This is really important. If this motion gets sufficient support from MSPs across at least 3 political parties, it becomes eligible to be debated in the Chamber. Neil Findlay was able to lead a previous members' debate in September 2015 which led to the scrapping of the airport's TUTUR flight path trial. YOU therefore need to take action now. Today.

And the best bit is, you don't have to do very much at all.

All you have to do is send an email to all your MSPs and ask them to sign it.

#### Call to action today!

3 easy steps which will make you feel empowered in our fight against Edinburgh Airport Expansion.

This is our real chance to have it debated in Parliament. We need ALL political parties.

1. Look up your MSPs

<https://www.writetothem.com>

2. Email them to support [Neil Findlay](#) motion <https://bb.parliament.scot/.../DetailsPart.../S5M-04708/20170321>

3. Copy us in your email [edinburghairportwatch@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghairportwatch@gmail.com) and tweet or Facebook that you have done it. **Find us on Facebook at Edinburgh Airport Watch and on twitter @EAW\_group**

Please take a few minutes to send an email to your MSPs today, the airport's proposals are based on faulty data and have little justification yet will have life changing consequences for hundreds of thousands of people. Concerted efforts can put a stop to it - but it starts with you.

Share this message as widely as you can throughout all your networks. The airport is on the ropes, at the public meetings last week in Dunfermline and Livingston they were under serious pressure from angry and worried members of the public. Reasonable questions are simply not being answered. Their plans need to be subjected to serious parliamentary scrutiny. Your email to your MSPs today will be the first step along that road. Thank you!

<http://www.parliament.scot/.../currentm.../Neil-Findlay-MSP.aspx>

Motion S5M-04708: Neil Findlay, Lothian, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 20/03/2017

That the Parliament notes what it sees as the growing concerns about Edinburgh Airport's plan to introduce new flight paths; understands that around 120 people attended the latest in a series of public meetings in Livingston to voice their opposition; believes that a number of flaws within the consultation have been identified, including the lack of inclusion of a health impact assessment of the proposed changes to airspace use since 2014, despite a number of residents reporting mental and physical health effects due to increased noise over their homes, the lack of evidence for the assertion that 25,000 fewer properties will be overflowed as a result of the changes, that Winchburgh and East Calder residents were informed through the first consultation that they would not be affected by any proposed changes but have since found that they will be affected by new plans, and the use of outdated census data from 2011 as the basis for the consultation, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to urge the Civil Aviation Authority to demand that Edinburgh Airport scraps what is considered this flawed consultation and begins the process again with up-to-date information and a more robust and credible consultation process.

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