Additional comments received about the report being considered

This report gives a revised update on correspondence received following the publication of the final report which was published on the 16 November.

A considerable amount of correspondence (1,837) has been received since Monday 16 November. This has comprised of 638 e-mails, 192 letters and 1,007 pro-forma letters received up to and including Wednesday 25 November (1530 hours). Taking all forms of correspondence into consideration, the Council received 27% (503) pieces of correspondence that supported the proposal, whilst the remaining 73% (1,329 pieces) opposed it.

503 (79%) of the 638 e-mails received were in favour of the extended hours and noise action plan, whilst the remaining 135 (21%) opposed them. The vast majority of the e-mails that supported the extension came in the form of an automated pro-forma sent from info@bigginhillfuture.com.

Pro-forma letters and individually written letters almost exclusively comprised of 'no' responses. The Flightpath Watch letter pro-forma letter accounted for 84% of the received 'no' response with formal letters of objection making up the remaining 16%. A letter was also received from an individual who criticised the Flightpath Watch 'no' campaign.

Comments Update

All of the comments received repeat the previously stated objections. Almost none of the comments received after the 16 November refer to the report, with the objections already summarised in Appendix 6. An additional comment has been received that expresses concern about a potential change in ownership of the Airport going forward.

Total correspondence update - Prior to Monday 16 November, the Council received a total of 300 e-mails and letters. In summary, 297 pieces of correspondence were in opposition to the proposal whilst two pieces of correspondence supported it. The remaining piece of correspondence sought clarification of the proposal's conditions and requested additional information.

As of 25 November (1530 hours), the Council has received a total of approximately 2,135 pieces of correspondence expressing their concern regarding the proposal. Of this, 1,631 pieces (76%) opposed the proposal, whilst 505 pieces (24%) supported it.

Groups

In addition to comments already received from Keston Village Residents' Association and Downe Residents' Association, who are both against the proposals, comments have also been received from:

- London Borough Bromley Residents' Federation
- Flightpath Watch
- Farnborough Park Estate Limited
- Petts Wood & District Residents' Association (PWDRA) *

All of these groups or organisations have made 'no' responses, with Flightpath Watch making extensive representations and comments which question much of the detail outlined in the proposals and which has been received by Councillors and Members of the Executive.

*Whilst the response from the PWDRA was submitted prior to the meeting, it was omitted from the paper that was circulated at the meeting and is now subsequently published to accurately record the views expressed.