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Mr John Holland-Kaye
Chief Executive Officer
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The Compass Centre
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Dear John,

RE: Heathrow Consultation Round 3, September 2019

I write as Leader of Merton Council in response to the latest statutory consultation on the plans for Heathrow expansion.

My officers have provided a formal response to the consultation and raise a number of important concerns about the consultation process, and the need for specific information to accurately predict any future impact on our borough.

Please note, I have been approached by a number of residents and representatives with justifiable concerns about the potential flight path changes and the future expansion, concerns that I share.

Officers have specifically commented on the complexity and sheer volume of documentation presented in this consultation, the lack of detail over impact on our borough particularly around noise and the potential changes to numbers of flights over the borough and noise levels.

Merton also consider air quality to be an important issue and are leading on a number of initiatives in London, and although the air quality impact is a secondary concern in this borough, we do share the concerns of neighbouring boroughs about the overall impact on pollution in London. We would expect Heathrow to do everything in its power to mitigate or offset the emissions generated by the expansion.

Although we are not historically affected in the same way as our neighbouring boroughs, we have genuine concerns over the impact the expansion of Heathrow will have upon the borough and our citizens over the coming years.

I seek your assurances that these views and opinions will be carefully considered as part of the consultation. Our officers intend to continue to play an active role in the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Stephen Alambritis
Leader of the Council