

## **Amendments to “RAF Northolt Motion”**

Councillor proposing amendments: Cllr Paul Osborn

Councillor seconding amendments: Cllr Barry Macleod-Cullinane

## **RAF Northolt Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Graham Henson and seconded by Councillor Primesh Patel:

### **“This Council notes:**

- That RAF Northolt is the 4th largest airport in London.
- That it is becoming increasingly obvious to Harrow residents who live under the flight path of RAF Northolt that the number of flights to and from the airport has significantly increased;
- The findings of the “Project Ark” report, commissioned by the Ministry of Defence in 2012 to explore ‘a range of options for the future development of RAF Northolt,’ and ‘conversion into a civilian operated airport’;
- There is a planned £45 million renovation of the airport and no residents in Harrow have been consulted on the proposed improvements or changes;
- Figures released by Parliament show that in 2017
  - Only 18% of flights through RAF Northolt are military
  - Over 70% of flights were commercial
- That there are serious environmental impacts on the residents who live under the flight path of RAF Northolt
- That any increase in flights will have a further detrimental effect on the well-being of Harrow residents who live under the widening flight path.
- Additionally to RAF Northolt, any increase in flights from Heathrow will have a further detrimental effect on the well-being of Harrow residents who live under the widening flight path.

### **This Council believes:**

- No further increase in the number of commercial flights to and from RAF Northolt **and Heathrow** should take place without a thorough and transparent consultation, involving all the residents who live in the proximity of the airport and those who live under the flight path;

### **This Council resolves:**

- To instruct the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP, requesting:

- That the Ministry of Defence conduct a full consultation with Harrow residents about its plans to spend £45 million on renovating RAF Northolt and any future plans for the use of the airport.
  - That the Ministry of Defence accepts the reduction to 5,000 movements for commercial aircrafts at RAF Northolt in order to improve the environment and reduce noise pollution;
- To instruct the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, requesting:
    - That the department of Transport conduct a full consultation with Harrow residents about its plans for Heathrow and any future plans for the use of the airport.
  - To instruct the Interim Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, requesting that he makes representations to the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Transport about the real concerns of Harrow residents who live under the flight path of RAF Northolt and Heathrow.
  - To instruct the Interim Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to take a lead on any consultations on RAF Northolt and Heathrow equally, as both issues should be treated equally with residents' views coming first.
  - To further instruct the Interim Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to not publish the Council's position on these matters or publicly endorse any proposals until a full consultation has been carried out and residents' views have been heard.