

## **HILLINGDON RESIDENTS SAY TO BAA - 'HANDS OFF OUR COMMUNITIES!'**

Over 800 residents packed into Heathrow Primary School from the Five Heathrow Villages and West Drayton last night - united in a defiant show of solidarity against airport expansion.

NoTRAG (No Third Runway Action Group) convened a public meeting to highlight the plans contained in the BAA Heathrow Interim Master Plan**(1)**.

Residents were shocked by the scale of the land grab and vowed to lobby the Government to remove Heathrow from the White Paper.

NoTRAG Chair, Geraldine Nicholson said "This is supposed to be a consultation exercise but the residents who would lose their homes were sent a letter by BAA telling them to ring and request a copy of the master plan. They should be sent one automatically.

This isn't consultation, over a week has gone by already - thousands of people have not even seen the document. People living north of the M4 are yet to receive any information from BAA. The same thing happened with the original Government consultation and the BAA consultation on the proposed schemes for blight and noise. How does BAA expect people to respond when they are unaware of the existence of the document?

Once again, it's a total disregard of our communities. The human cost of this proposal is too high a price to pay. We [the residents] proved last night that we are not prepared to take any more of this wanton destruction of our communities."

NoTRAG Press Secretary, Christine Shilling added, "We were overwhelmed by the response more than 200 residents had to turn back. We will convene further public meetings so that ALL the residents can get access to the information we provided last night. If BAA is not prepared to freely distribute the information then we will have no hesitation in doing so. We will provide the information on our website and we will work with John McDonnell MP and John Randall MP to inform their constituents."

**ENDS**

**Notes for Editors:**

**(1) A consultation document published 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Consultation period ends 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005**

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