

## An update: BAA Heathrow – protecting local communities from noise and blight

### BAA's public consultations

I wanted to give you another update on BAA Heathrow's forthcoming schemes to:

- Protect against airport noise – for noise sensitive buildings and people living in the 69 decibel noise contour
- Protect against property blight – for property owners in or close to the area where land would be required for future runway development

I said last time that we had many useful suggestions from our consultation with local communities. This feedback will help us to improve our schemes to address current airport noise and potential property blight, which may result from the Government's proposals for airport expansion.

### What Next?

We initially thought we would be able to start the schemes this spring. However, the consultation gave us more to consider and research than we had expected, and we've had to take more time in getting the schemes right. You'll agree that it's better to get it right than rush it.

The good news is that the details are just being finalised, so we now have to pull the information together and get the processes in place before we can launch the schemes.

### What can I expect?

We're putting together a clear and informative pack for each affected property under each of the schemes. This will give you all the information you'll need, such as why the scheme applies to you, how to apply and so on. This will also be available in Braille and community languages.

### When will I receive it?

As soon as we launch the schemes, which means mid-summer. The packs will be sent to all homes in each of the affected areas. Keep an eye on [www.baa.com](http://www.baa.com) (select 'corporate', then 'about baa', then 'noise and blight' and finally either 'Heathrow noise' or 'Heathrow blight') in the meantime.

### Our promise to you

These schemes are voluntary, and BAA is working hard to make sure they are the best they can be. It is taking a little more time than we planned, but thanks to bearing with us while we do this.

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