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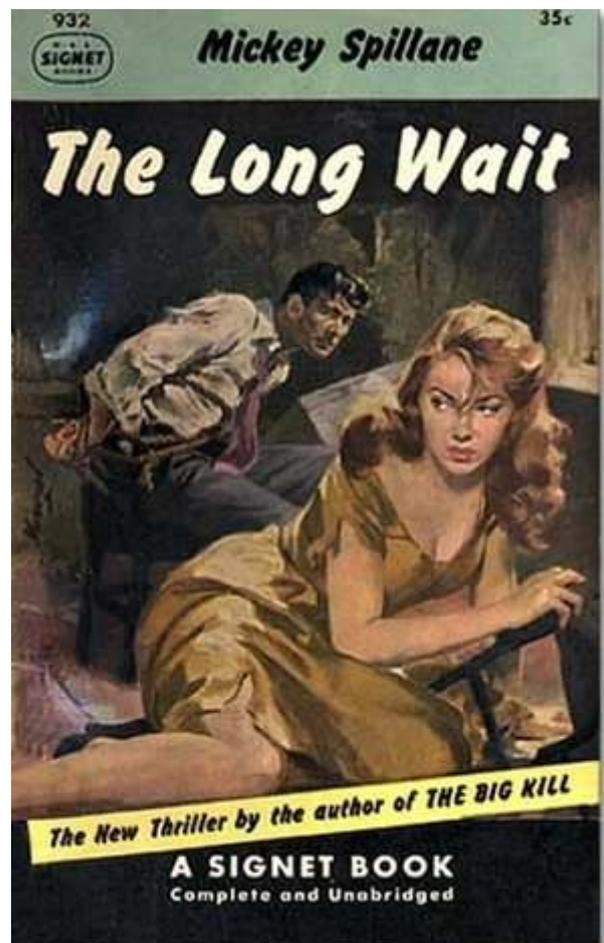
STILL NO CAA REPORT ON CONCENTRATED FLIGHT PATHS

The report by the Civil Aviation Authority into City Airport's controversial concentrated flight paths is still not out. It was expected in summer 2017. Then by the end of 2017. Then by Spring 2018. Then August 2018. HACAN East has written to the CAA asking the reason for the delay. The CAA is required to assess the first year of operation of the new flight paths which were concentrated in February 2016 and to make recommendations.

The new concentrated flight paths caused a four-fold rise in complaints to City Airport. People have also written in large numbers to the CAA. The concentration of the flight paths continues to cause grief to many communities.

As soon as the CAA report is released we will put information on our website and send out a special edition of the newsletter.

- You can track the flight paths of City Airport planes on <https://travislcj.topsonic.aero/>



KEEP TELLING THE AIRPORT WHAT YOU THINK!

Once we have complained about the noise or the flight paths, it is tempting to sit back and think 'job done'. Of course if everybody does that, the complaints to the airport dry up. Along with this newsletter, we have attached a leaflet which reminds people how to complain. Here are the key details:

- **Email:** environment@londoncityairport.com
- **Write to:** London City Airport, City Aviation House, Royal Docks, London E16 2PB.
- **Call** 0207 646 0200

OVER 300 PLANES A DAY CAN PASS OVER FOREST HILL IN SOUTH EAST LONDON

A new report has revealed that over 300 planes a day can fly over Forest Hill in South East London. The report by local resident Tim Walker showed that when the west wind blows the residents of SE23 - Forest Hill, Honor Oak Park and Sydenham, a heavily populated area in the west of the London Borough of



Lewisham – are overflown by Heathrow arrivals, as they have been for many years. Around 160 planes per day pass within a mile radius of Forest Hill station.

On the days an east wind blows, there are no Heathrow planes but London City start up. The area is right under City's concentrated arrivals flight path – around 150 a day. But then the double whammy occurs on the days when there is a light easterly wind. Both Heathrow and City planes land over the area: more than 300 a day. There is no a single day of the year when the area gets respite from aircraft noise.

Tim's report has begun to produce results. City has installed a mobile noise monitor in the area. Tim has been invited to address the Heathrow Community Noise Forum. And Heathrow and London City are beginning to talk with each other about how to tackle areas like Forest Hill which get aircraft from both airports.

The full report can be found here: <http://hacan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/No-aircraft-noise-respite-for-London-SE23-August-2018.pdf>

PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST

At the request of residents, HACAN held a successful meeting in Eltham in the summer. People came from Mottingham, Sidcup, New Eltham and further afield. Although some of the areas get Heathrow or Biggin Hill aircraft, the problem facing communities is City's concentrated flight paths. Before London City introduced concentration in 2016, residents told the meeting that aircraft noise was not a problem in the area.

BEWARE THE MASTER PLAN!

London City is drawing up its master plan. These are not official documents but airports use them to outline their vision for the future. The new CEO of the airport said in a press interview that part of City's vision may be to seek permission to lift the current annual cap of 111,000 and to have flights between midday Saturday and midday Sunday (when they are currently banned). Subsequently he downplayed these aspirations. We should know more in December when the first draft of the Plan is expected to be made public.