

Written Opinion about “Plan of building the 3rd Runway in Hong Kong International Airport” by Park Island Owners’ Committee

Park Island residents have been suffered aircraft noise for many years. Hence we have no choice but to ask the government and the Legislative Council to provide a solution to solve this problem.

For the follow up of aircraft noise problem in Park Island, We collected 793 signatures from Park Island residents (from 25 June 2011 to 1 July 2011) to the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) in the Consultation Forum for Airport Master Plan 2013. The Owner’s Committee also tried to understand the aircraft problems by providing questionnaire to all residents in October 2013. More than 50% of about 1,000 collected opinions showed “Not acceptable to the current aircraft noise”. The aircraft noise must get improved as soon as possible.

The aircraft problem do cause nuisance to residents of Ma Wan, along Castle Peak Road of Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun sections. If the government keeps ignore this problem and if the 3rd airway confirmed to be built, the increase of flight may make the aircraft problem worse. The Park Island Owners’ Committee has the following suggestions to improve the aircraft problem.

- According to the noise record from Civil Aviation Department (CAD), Park Island has the highest aircraft noise level in Hong Kong. However Park Island is not under the zone of NEF25 (area not suitable for inhabitancy). We want to update the NEF25.
- The CAD started using Proposal J since 2012 and has prohibited aircraft without compliance Chapter III noise standards (higher noise levels) to use the airport. However, aircraft noise over 65 db has not been going down. Hence, the CAD is requested to increase the number of airplanes to use satellite guidance by provision of incentives, penalties or legislation, so as to avoid aircrafts deviating from original flight paths. Also CAD needs to review the Proposal J and consider to use Proposal I.
- Request the Government to set regulation to monitor aircraft noise. Provision of penalties to those against the regulation.
- Request CAD and AAHK to stop aircraft using flight path near Park Island.
- Request AAHK to adjust upward the price of using airport at night for reducing the night flight number.