

Statement on Land Referencing Questionnaire

Heathrow must (under the Planning Act 2008) undertake due diligence as part of the DCO process and have to demonstrate to the Planning Inspectorate that they have made reasonable inquiries as to all the potential interested parties in terms of the land and property that will be impacted by the proposed expansion.

The Land Referencing letters that local communities have been receiving has been designed to elicit this information.

Those who live in homes being compulsory purchased should have received letters - but so should any homes and commercial properties in the wider compensation zone. This will include those that might be impacted by the scheme once it is in use.

The Planning Act 2008 defines those entitled to compensation as people who may suffer depreciation on the value of their home or land from either congestion or increased noise once the scheme is operational.

Please note that it is for individuals to decide whether they wish to respond to the Land Interest Questionnaires. If you do not respond, Heathrow may decide to follow this up by attempting to contact residents by phone, email and visits to your home. However, you do not have to provide any information if you do not wish to do so.

The Planning Inspectorate has issued guidance that states that *"questionnaire recipients are not mandated to volunteer information about their interest(s) in land to an applicant, if they do not wish to do so, and choosing to withhold information about land interests would not compromise any future claims by a person for compensation under the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965; the Land Compensation Act 1973; and/ or s152 of the PA2008."*

If you have received a letter please let us know so that we can track how widely these have been distributed. Send a simple email with the first part of your post code to info@no3rdrunwaycoalition.co.uk