

PE1804/D

Anonymous submission of 6 October 2020

I am writing to offer my full support of the petition - PE1804: Halt Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd's Air Traffic Management which was recently discussed at the Public Petition Committee.

I wanted to contact you to say that I 100% agree with the statements made by the witnesses Peter Henderson and John Doig during the virtual meeting. They fully understand and correctly highlighted the main issues that staff and local residents have regarding the project such as safety of the project and why HIAL are proceeding with the project when other better options are available.

I was heartened to watch the meeting and listen to Peter and John both speak well and describe the problems and issues that are being overlooked by HIAL management. The project has also not been carried out in the way it was initially proposed. Even with a worldwide pandemic happening this has not had any affect and HIAL are continuing to proceed with few staff supporting the project and opposing the project.

I work within the industry and will be directly affected by the proposed changes. I wish to add my support to the argument that Peter made regarding the ambulance/search and rescue call out service. This is critical to residents, not just on the mainland island of Orkney but the outer islands requiring helicopters to access the islands. This service cannot be put at risk by an untested and unproven system. I know Orkney residents who have unfortunately had to use this service and it cannot be compromised or put at risk as it will unfortunately be a resident who will bare the brunt when it goes wrong.