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Having flown professionally for forty years, thirty-five of which have been based at LHR, I feel that I have been privileged to disturb tens of thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands, may a million or more, people on the ground for the benefit of my 400 or so passengers on board.

This review is being carried out by the government aviation agency, and there is an enormous danger of myopia, and that they put their specific, parochial and secular interests of aviation, above those of the country. Indeed, putting the interests of myself and my relatively few passengers over the people whom I fly.

There are obviously improvements that can be made to various aircraft routings, that those should never, ever be at the expense of people on the ground, who have built their lives, bought their homes around the existing minimum noise routings.

So my all means, go into a review but change absolutely nothing for any routing whatsoever below 6,000 feet, and realise and remember that the quality of life in UK is not determined by how much fuel is burnt, or how much profit is made, but by how quiet it is to live, where one has chosen to reside, that choice, having been made, in relation to your existing policies and routes.

(except perhaps for the easterly take off at EDI for southbound departures, where more use could be made of climbing out over the Firth of Forth, before a southerly turn to the right)

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