From:
To: Airspace Policy

Subject: Decisions by the Secretary of State (call in request)

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Birmingham overfly plan. MOSUN.

Dear Secretary of State,

I would appeal to you to instigate a calling in, regarding the above overfly plan for Birmingham.

The plan as it stands at present seems designed to cause maximum disruption for the most people.

Admittedly Birmingham airport is in the wrong place, built for the biplane era. But how can it be sensible for a flight path to run over the centre of a large city?

Other large cities in the world have had similar problems. To nominate two, Hong Kong and Tokyo. Both now have airports (Chek Lap Kok and Narita) beyond their city limits, and it takes up to an hour to reach both from the centres. Who now would wish to fly from Kai Tak?

Unfortunately the British are unable to resist short-termism. The decision to build a third runway at Heathrow was shameful.

The decision should have been to build in the North Sea, as at Lantau Island, Hong Kong, and build something for the 22nd century. I believe they're about to add two more runways at lantau Island.

Heathrow should then be turned over for housing sorely needed in London.

Please take it upon yourself to consider Birmingham. To avoid another short-sighted decision. The noise, the pollution and ultimately the danger in overflying a city. The planes at present are supposed to fly at 6000 feet, but they don't, and the plan is to increase the number 10 fold.

I thank you in anticipation of a wise decision.

Yours faithfully