I want to call attention to RSP's methods for ignoring the effects of the planes they propose to fly over us at night.

I am not arguing now about how many jumbo jets they are going to fly at night. I am not talking about whether they will be scheduled, chartered, late arrivals or whatever. Those are important subjects but in the time available I am going to assume that they are telling the truth and we will get 7 or 8 a night.

Now, we know from the independent noise consultants hired by our local councils that each and every one of these 7 or 8 flights will cause many thousands of local households to experience 65 decibels or more – some much more as they fly over.

The applicant 's own estimates show that at least 11,356 dwellings in year 2 will be exposed to over 80 dB LASmax at night – you can see that in Figure 12.8 of his application.

But the 65 decibel threshold is important because the experts tell us that – I think I have this right - with the windows shut, those are levels that are likely to disturb sleep.

That's right. RSP's proposed noise pollution is likely to disturb sleep for many thousands of us 7 times a night, 7 days a week.

However, RSP seem to be saying that they can dismiss as insignificant aircraft noise levels at night in excess of 80 dB LASmax <u>unless the average number of noise events during the night above this level is already at least 18.</u>

I can't find any reference to this approach being used at other airports. It seems ludicrous. Heathrow currently has on average 15 flights a night. If nobody ever wakes up with fewer than 18 flights of 80dB, there should be zero complaints about night flights at Heathrow most nights. There isn't. And there wasn't at Manston when Tony Freudmann and Co dealt with HUNDREDS of complaints caused by just a few night flights.

The World Health Organisation and many others have evidenced the damage night noise causes <u>before</u> getting to the level of causing a waking. What I want to know is does RSP need to hear this more than 18 times to take any notice?