

Mrs Jean Smith comments

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I was born in London, to an immigrant mother and an indigenous father. They gave me an ethos of hard work, respect for others and aspiration.

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My heart goes out to the people living under the flight path of Heathrow. We were promised that it would not expand- all lies. The noise I share with those in my neighbourhood from the incessant planes heading in and out of the city airport are ridiculous in the summer months.

The night time economy is not suited to outer boroughs. Noise pollution suffered by the many because a few wish to revel late into the night is unnecessary, and has no benefit to the local economy, only to the owners of the pubs and clubs. The rest of us contribute heavily to paying for tidying up their mess through our council taxes.

Schools should be made available to local children, as they were before the Plumstead ruling. too much choice has lead to an industry built around ridiculous journeys ferrying pupils from one side of London to the other. To what effect? has their experience really improved? What of the experience of 'ordinary folk' who have to travel long distance because others are compelled to choose schools out of their own areas.

Too much building is going on. We are choking to death with the over-crowding encouraged by certain councils and political leaders in the name of progress. The London Mayor seems to think people should be shoe-horned into high rise apartments with no parking! Well people do want to drive in outer zones. The public transport infrastructure is not able to provide the solution to the long distances people have to cover to access hospitals etc. We should be allowed to drive.

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