

As a resident of East Haven, having grown up in this area, I strongly oppose the expansion of the Tweed Runway.

Expansion does nothing for East Haven Residents and only profits the business interests of New Haven. The few jobs they promise does not make a difference when you weigh the negatives. Adding extra flights increases the danger probability of accidents for nearby residents.

The extra jet emission pollution from added flights adds to an already terrible local air quality than it already is, especially in the summer. And a few weeks ago, the CO2 ppm in this area - in Winter, per earthschool.net measured as high as the pollution in China. Only two places in the world that day had extremely high Co2 ppms and sulpheric acide pollutants, making air quality very bad.

This adds to increasing illness due to increased pollution, and increased costs in medical expenses for illnesses directly connected to bad air quality, not to days lost to illnesses.

Anyone who has been in this area over time can see the devastation to the wild animals and insects and birds. They are disappearing due to lost habitat and toxic emissions from pollutants like aircraft.

Without wildlife, and habitat for wildlife, which do all the work of cleaning air, filtering water, decomposing and maintaining balance, that we as a species are endangering the future of all life.

What we do to the earth, we do to ourselves.

This whole area surrounding New Haven is a cancer cluster.

Nobody can't prove that all these emissions are not causing deadly medical health issues. It's absurd to deny it, and foolhardy.

The noise pollution heard in Foxon from flights crossing over Lake Saltonstall (West to East), some sound as if there are B 52s right over rooftops, in dangerously low altitude, that is not right.

Foxon is a sound bowl, between the traffic on I95 and I91 combined with flights overhead sounds like we live inside a never ending grinding engine or a bee hive, or that we live near a military base where B 52s are always running. Always the low hum. Terrible for people's hearing. There is a low roar of sound that doesn't cease till the early hours of the morning, or sometimes on a Sunday or Holiday. You can see, hear flights every ten minutes, whether from Tweed or other airports. Why would any intelligent species choose to add to that?

One would think, that with CO2 emissions, including sulphar dioxide and other greenhouse gases long gone already over the 400 ppm, that we should instead be seriously considering how to reduce such pollution and not arguing over ways to increase it. Are we still arguing that scientific fact?

This kind of behavior and choices by people who are in positions of leadership is insane. How can these same leaders, mayors, representatives claim on the one hand that they are making efforts to reduce emissions, and make the area, the world a healthier world for future generations, for the continuation of all life on the planet when these same leaders have launched highly funded campaigns to increase fossil fuel emissions in the form of increasing jet engine airport expansion?

It is hypocrisy.

At one point, where does it stop?

I strongly oppose Expansion of Tweed New Haven.
Let my opposition be counted.

Respectfully,
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