It's much more than an "annoyance."



"Chronic noise, even at low levels, can cause annoyance, sleep disruption, and stress that contribute to cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, metabolic disturbances, exacerbation of psychological disorders, and premature mortality."



"Noise interferes with cognition and learning, contributes to behavior problems, and reduces achievement and productivity."

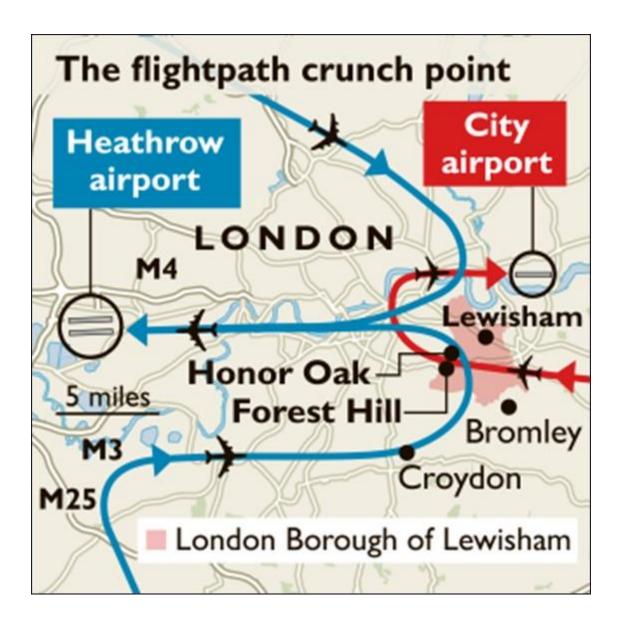
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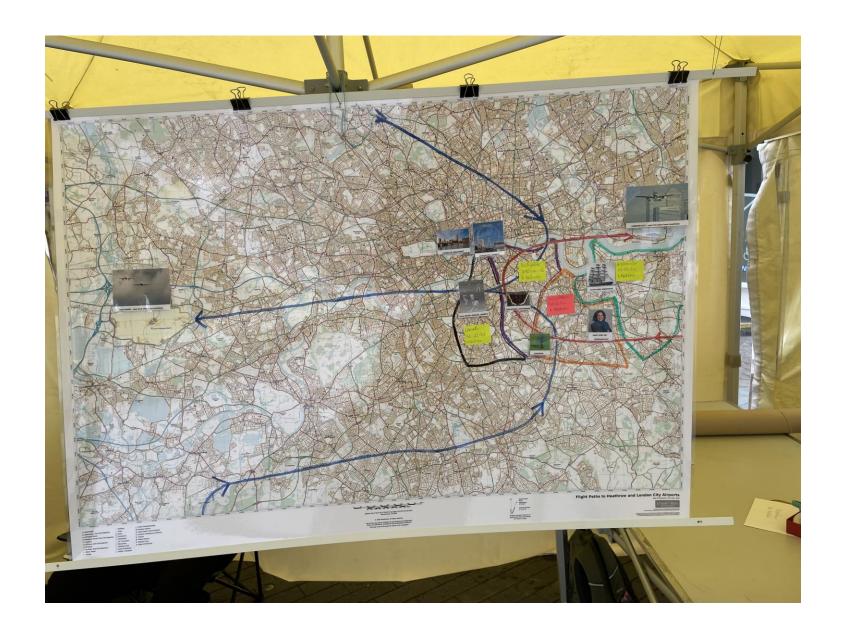
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Sleep deprivation and its impact: the following cannot be described as 'annoyance'. It is sheer, debilitating hell.

- · so tired with lack of sleep
- often in tears, woken at 4.30am with 60+dB aircraft coming in concentratedly and low over my house and within the intrusive vicinity
- not stopping for 19 hours
- · the frequency building up towards 7am in a hellish fashion and
- continuing until 11/11.30pm at 45-second to 3-minute intervals
- · my brain was addled
- my work relationships were fraught
- crashed my car a couple of times
- had permanent mouth ulcers and
- tongue lesions making eating difficult
- · sense of balance was affected which in turn
- · affected my ability to cycle
- I walked into furniture
- often felt physically sick
- my heart raced with anxiety, so much that I thought I or it would explode
- would wake in the night and weep
- deeply depressed at the relentless assault by the noise of planes, often hearing them so close that they might almost be coming in to my bedroom
- dreaded going to bed
- · sometimes dreaded leaving work, knowing that my haven of a home was now an unquiet scenario of ceaseless plane activity
- there is no point going to bed early (to make up for being woken at 4.30am) because the dB level and range of aircraft types/noise does not cease until 11/11.30pm.

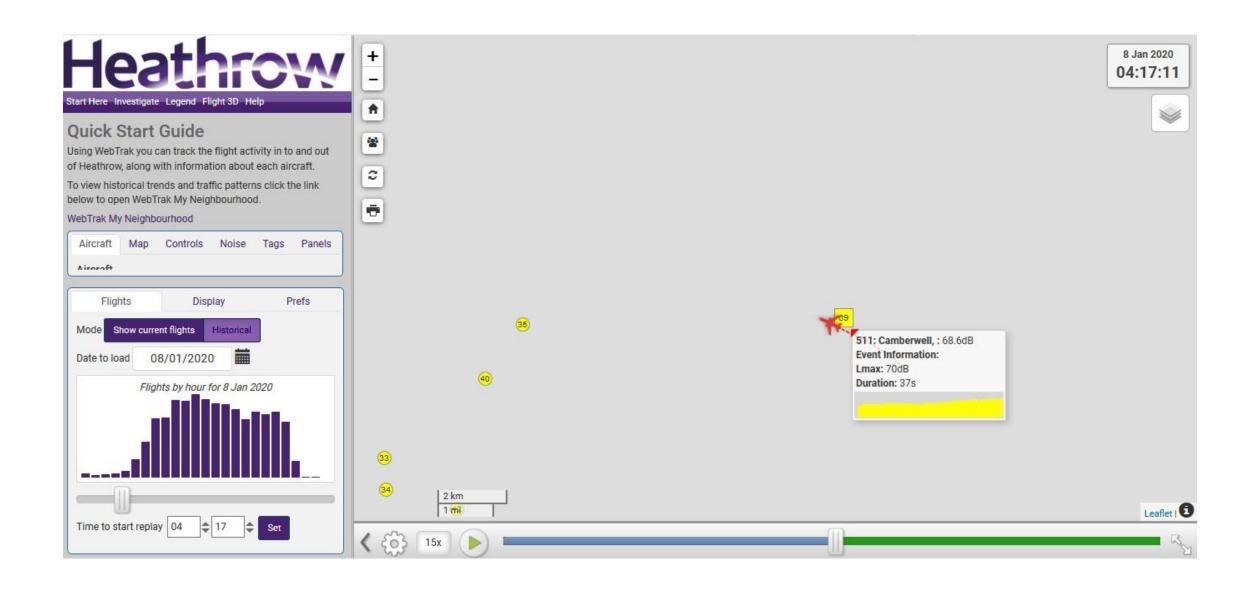
This cannot be described as 'annoyance'. It is sheer, debilitating hell. And this was 18 miles from Heathrow, a journey which takes 2+ hours by public transport. Many of us suffer doubly, being under more than one flight path.

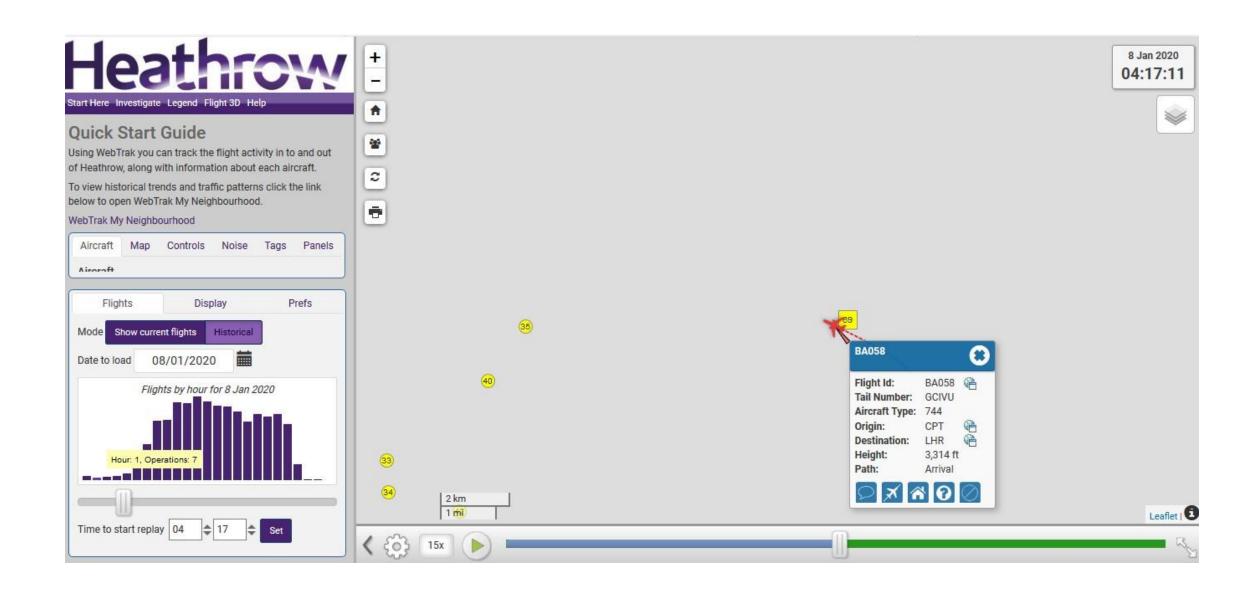


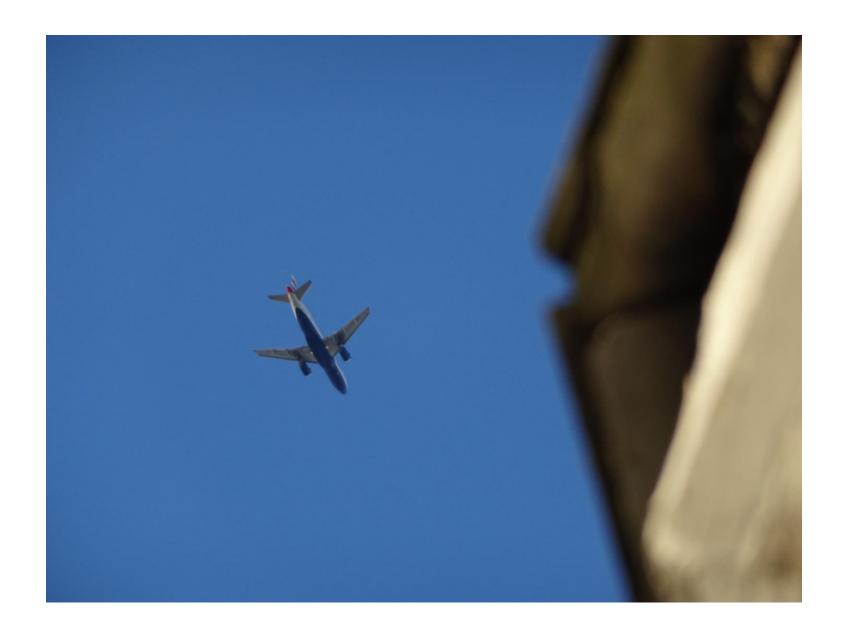


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