



## APPENDIX 5

### THE LIVED EXPERIENCE:

#### ***Commentary from Residents under the Revised Arrivals Route to LBPIA<sup>1</sup>***

**Karen C.**

“I am experiencing regular and severe sleep disruption.”

**Lynda D.**

“Interferes with daytime conversations and nighttime sleep.”

**Debra M.**

“We bought homes in this area for the peace and quiet that existed then.”

**Glynnis B.**

“This flight plan was approved without any input from residents affected by it, and it is negatively affecting my enjoyment of my property.”

**Ania L.**

“This is important because my family’s quality of life is important. Such decisions need to be made with the support of taxpayers.”

**Glenn A.**

“I can’t open my windows. There is a plane coming in almost every minute. I pay too much in taxes to put up with this.”

**Lynn B.**

“Noise should be shared, not inflicted through concentration.”

**Glenn C.**

“It’s a quality of life issue. Excessive noise, disrupted sleep patterns, stress from the invasive nature of loud noise in an ongoing pattern, coupled with the arbitrary nature of the changes and the lack of public input lead me to sign this petition.”

**Vilma C.**

“I work at a daycare center and last year the children were scared by how strong the noise was, because the planes were very low, we had to go inside the classroom (during their outdoor play time). Many of them cried.”

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<sup>1</sup> A sampling of comments left on T.A.N.G.’s page on **Change.org**, and in response to T.A.N.G.’s ‘Neighbour to Neighbour’ and ‘ONE THOUSAND VOICES’ campaigns

**Brahm S.**

"I am concerned about my family's health. I also think everyone should share the noise."

**Ted W.**

"There needs to be a reasonable time period when we can enjoy our lives without the incessant noise and interruptions of commerce."

**Gitta Q.**

"We would appreciate some reasonable balance in aircraft noise frequency to maintain a comfortable use of our property".

**Brigitte A.**

"Thank you for taking the lead on this initiative. My husband and I sat out in the backyard this weekend and were greatly distressed at the number of planes flying over our neighbourhood. It seemed to be non-stop. Please let us know where you need help in resolving this unacceptable level of noise intrusion."

**Bob S.**

"I have been concerned about the increase in noise levels from turning aircraft overhead. Unfortunately, because I live outside the 10 Nautical mile limit for making a noise complaint to GTAA, I feel somewhat powerless at this point."

**Marie D.**

"I live at ... (Avenue and Lawrence). In the last two months the noise over our house has increased significantly and the planes are driving us crazy."

**Roderigo R.**

"Our family is also concerned about the air traffic above our home."

**Carol K.**

The flight path goes directly over our house making it very disruptive all year round. It's especially bothersome in the summer when we're trying to enjoy dinner on the patio or trying to sleep with our bedroom window open and frequent aircraft roar overhead. My sleep is often disturbed by these late night flights. Our address is ... (Eglinton & Laird).

**Aaron Dev.**

"I can't enjoy my backyard anymore. There are no spaces between the planes!"

**Jeff D.**

"Very concerned with the volume of airplane traffic flying directly over our house – it,s like a runway. The altitude of these planes are so low that we can't even have a conversation in the backyard (which we have stopped using) and my newborn son is waking up now."

## ***Particularly Noteworthy:***

### **Christine P.**

“I ... just returned last year after living in Zurich, Switzerland, for 4 years. Prior to that I lived in Davisville and I can assure you that I noticed a marked difference in aircraft traffic and noise upon my return to Toronto. I soon understood why; changes had indeed taken place during my absence with the introduction of a condensed flight path over this part of the city and possibly extended hours. Born and raised in Montreal and having lived in Toronto for 20 years, I know what living in the big city means and I too believed that we just need to accept it as one of the tradeoffs of urban living. But my experience abroad made me realize that it is not the case. Indeed many large European cities have either restricted or banned flights between 11pm and 6am. Zurich is one of them. I even remember once sitting in a plane in Montreal waiting for our departure to Zurich and hearing the pilot say that we had to wait because winds were favourable and we were not permitted to land in Zurich before 6am. This is one of the advantages of experiencing life in a different country or continent. It gives you perspective and you realize that it would be nice if you could combine the strengths of other cities with your own. This is one of those instances... I like to sit out on our patio and be able to hear the birds chirping or the people who are talking to me. I love airplanes, I even used to fly them, but if I wanted to hear them that much I would have moved close to Pearson airport. I also realize that there are many flights coming in during the day but there is no need to concentrate all of them over the same corridor; let's all share the pain. My message is that this is about quality of life and we don't always have to bow down and compromise just because we live in a large urban centre. And with more pressure on this issue from all major urban centre, I am sure the aircraft manufacturers will work harder at finding ways to reduce their products' noise levels. This is an issue of noise pollution in addition to quality of air. Interestingly enough, I noticed that the new condensed flight path goes right over the Glendon Conservation area; ironic isn't it?”

### **Ken C.**

“I live fully 10 miles from Pearson (near Casa Loma). To take one measure, my decibel meter iPhone app records planes at my house routinely in the low 80s (versus background noise in the 40s). The only sounds in Toronto that are comparable or louder that I have found in the last two years are: also low 80s, industrial sewage vacuum truck at 10 meters; low 90s, jackhammer at 50 meters; low 100s, Rogers Centre during 9th inning rally against Red Sox. These planes are very loud, and very frequent (and increasingly around the clock, but that is in many ways the tip of the iceberg).”

### **Marc W.**

“... the relentless shrieking from large, low flying, banking jets every 2-3 minutes all through the day, late evening and into the night directly overhead renders concentration nearly impossible! The concentration of flights over North Toronto (Moore Park, Deer Park, Davisville, South Eglinton, Broadway, Leaside, Sherwood Park and Lawrence Park) or so called Midtown, since NAV CANADA unilaterally imposed the new runway 24-R downwind approach arrivals route in February 2012 has led to countless hours of lost sleep, the inability to enjoy the outdoors, high blood pressure, lost productivity and other maladies throughout this large previously unaffected area.”

**Terri McD.**

I was awoken this morning at 5:15 am by yet another flight over my house. This after not being able to fall asleep last night, as most nights, as the constant sound of aircrafts flying overhead make sleep impossible after 11 pm. Since noon today I have tracked aircraft while attempting to work with a window open. When not on the phone or elsewhere in the house, I have listened to not less than 60 aircraft with intervals of not more than 5 minutes - often every 30 seconds. I can no longer enjoy the peace of my beautiful garden as the noise is so aggravating. The lack of sleep and stress levels this is causing is completely unacceptable, and I am certain it has affected my property value.