

Press Release dated 8th Sept 2012, after the 2nd Compensation meeting

Ladies & gentlemen of the press,

below is the SAEN press release after our very well supported meeting held last night (7th Sept 2012) at Eastwood Community Centre, Eastwood, Leigh -on-Sea.Essex.

This morning our Jon Fuller also featured on a BBCRadio program on the subject of the meeting.

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Last night well over 400 people turned up at the public meeting organised by SAEN to discuss claiming compensation for loss of value of property caused by developments atSouthendAirport. There were so many that the hall reached capacity and some had to be turned away.

The depth of feeling and anger people feel about noise and disruption caused by expanded operations at the airport was evident to all.

The meeting discussed the impact upon property prices, the process for claiming compensation and the firms that are willing to provide this service. Indeed Michael Marriott, a Westcliff based surveyor specialising in this work was on hand to answer questions posed. People ~~have~~ cannot put a claim forward until 8 March but were urged to act now to either prepare to lodge their own claim or get a surveyor to do this on their behalf on a “no win, no fee” basis.

Many residents undertook to sign up with a surveyor immediately. Others joined a new group, entirely separate from SAEN, which was created to liaise about the compensation issue. The SAEN committee did not feel that it was right for it, as a campaigning body, to run the compensation group and wanted this to be entirely separate. There will be a few who do not oppose expansion at the airport but who realise that LSA must pay compensation for the loss of value of property and so wanted to join the new group looking solely at the issue of compensation.

Graham Whitehead, Chairman of SAEN said “the huge turnout at the last two meetings we have held on the compensation issue has proven that most people are suffering appalling disturbance by operations at the airport. There is no doubt at all that this is having a knock on effect upon the number of people willing to buy property in the area and so prices are falling. I urge people to seek the services of a professional representative and claim the money that they are owed”