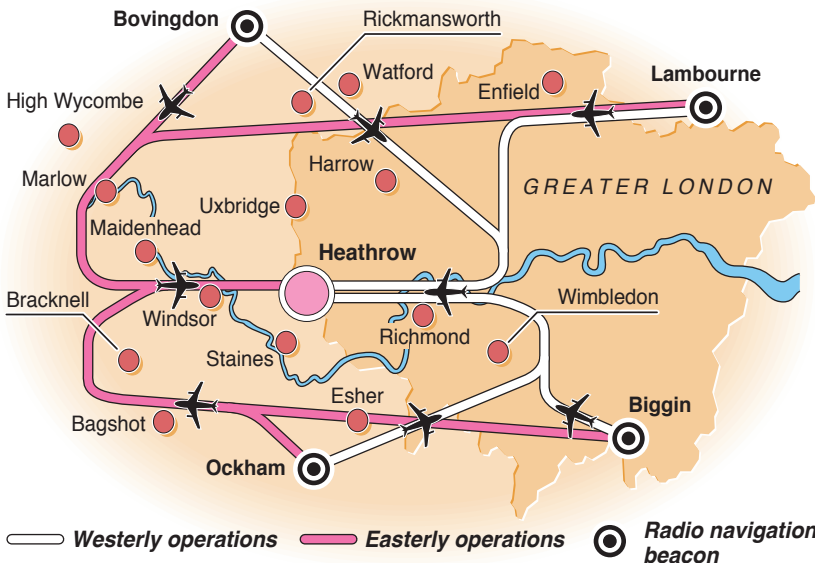


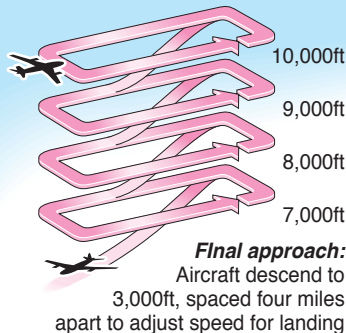
Night flight rules to be revised

A Government decision has lifted restrictions on night flights into London's Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanstead airports from October, replacing them with a quota system based on 'noise-rating'. The quietest aircraft will be exempt from take-off and landing restrictions



Holding patterns over London

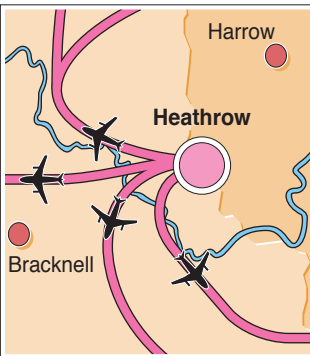
Aircraft approaching Heathrow pass over one of four radio navigation beacons. At these arrival points, air traffic control is handed from the London Terminal Control Area to Heathrow's Approach Controllers who assign aircraft to a holding stack



Minimum noise routes around Heathrow

Wind direction at Heathrow requires westerly take-off and landing 70% of the time. To reduce noise pollution, departing planes must adhere to strict minimum noise routes up to 4,000ft

Westerly departures



Easterly departures



UK air corridors and main control areas

