

## Compensation Claims – Independent Advice

In June 2016, Stansted Airport Limited (STAL) finally agreed to begin to consider compensation claims under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 from local residents whose property values had been adversely affected by historic expansion of Stansted Airport.

Since that announcement Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has been inundated with requests from local residents asking who they can turn to for independent professional advice about whether they may have a valid claim and, if so, for how much, and how to prepare and submit a compensation claim.

As a result of these requests, SSE held discussions with various firms of professional Chartered Surveyors and three firms indicated that they would be willing and able to act for local residents in relation to compensation claims. One of these firms has since dropped out of the frame, as a result of a re-organisation and the retirement of its main expert in the field.

SSE does not have any professional expertise in this area and so is not in a position to endorse any of the following firms or to recommend one over another. However, we hope this is a helpful starting point. Potential claimants must choose their own independent professional advisors and, in addition to the firms of Chartered Surveyors listed below, there will doubtless be other firms who are willing to act for local residents in this matter. The text below has been written by the firms themselves, not by SSE.

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### **Land Partners LLP and Weldon Beesly Ltd**

Land Partners and Weldon Beesly are firms of Chartered Surveyors based in Braintree and Bishops Stortford. They are working together to provide the best possible service for property owners affected by the expansion of Stansted Airport. Those applicants who have a valid claim and receive compensation will have their reasonable legal and surveyor's costs paid by the airport authority. The four principals of the firms between them have over 70 years' experience of the property industry dealing with a variety of property types and issues including compulsory purchase and compensation.

The firms have split the area of claim so that evidence can be more precise. They are currently acting for claimants affected within and outside the 57-decibel noise contour, published by STAL.

If the affected property is to the north-east of the airport and you are eligible, please contact Rachel Chilton of Land Partners on 01376 328297. If the affected property is to the south-west of the airport, please contact Tom Banks of Weldon Beesly on 01279 798866.

Both firms will be pleased to arrange a no obligation meeting with you to discuss how they can deal with your claim.

For more details visit their websites <http://www.landpartners.co.uk/stanstedcompensation/> and <http://www.weldonbeesly.com/compulsory-purchase.html/>.

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## **Thomson Broadbent**

Since 1996, Thomson Broadbent has represented over 50,000 private individuals in relation to property compensation claims, compulsory purchase orders and blight notices.

Our expertise has been gained from negotiating compensation for a wide range of transport and infrastructure properties including airports, highways, railways, tramways and power lines. Notable schemes include Manchester Airport Second Runway, HS1 and HS2, new sections of The M1, M4, M6, M60, M74, M77 and M80 widened sections of the A1(M), M1, M2, M5, M25, and M60.

When necessary we work in conjunction with specialist solicitors, barristers and acousticians should a client wish to refer their case to The Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber).

The firm is RICS registered and employs three Chartered Surveyors who each have over 25 years of compulsory purchase and compensation work.

For more information and contact details see: <http://www.thomsonbroadbent.co.uk/>

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## **Snow Walker**

Snow Walker is no longer handling compensation claims - as explained above.

See also: [www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/compensation.html](http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/compensation.html)

