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Proved my Principal wrong by topping in studies, says **Lakshmi Mittal**

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Success story: Lakshmi Mittal

Steel baron Lakshmi Mittal said he was able to prove his Principal wrong when he topped Saint Xavier's College in Kolkata even though he was earlier denied admission for not being fluent in English.

Mittal, 62, the billionaire who was conferred the Global Xavierian Award on May 19 in an alumni meet here, is the chairman and CEO of Luxembourg headquartered world's largest steelmaker and mining company ArcelorMittal

Recollecting memories of his days as a student, Mittal said he was initially denied admission in the college as he could not speak English.

"I came from a Hindi medium school... the Principal felt that I would not fit into an

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Not ready for takeoff

We want a better airport not a bigger airport say Hounslow residents

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nitial findings of Hounslow's consultation on the expansion of Heathrow have found residents overwhelmingly against an expanded airport, but also against its closure.

Seventy-two per cent of residents said they are against expansion, but 64 per cent said they did not want to see a new hub airport built if it meant losing Heathrow.

Residents were also overwhelmingly in favour of a ban on night flights between 11pm and 7am (83 per cent) and a huge 94 per cent want better noise insulation for schools and residents living under the flight path.

The findings of the consultation were revealed at a press briefing at City Hall earlier this week.



Making noise over Heathrow: Council leader Councillor Jagdish Sharma, deputy leader, Councilior Colin Ellar and Murad Qureshi, London Assembly member, chair of the GLA environment committee and member of Heathrow Airport consultative committee (HACC)

The consultation, Make Some Noise Over Heathrow, was launched on 15 April and finished on 16 May.

It featured a series of questions asking residents on their views ranging from the impact of further expansion of Heathrow, levels of noise, ger Heathrow - we want a

and its economic importance.

Councillor Colin Ellar, deputy leader of Hounslow Council and cabinet member for environment, said: "Hounslow residents have spoken and they are saying loud and clear, we don't want a bigbetter Heathrow.

"It's now time for Heathrow and all stakeholders to grasp the nettle and make a decision in the interests of our residents and the nation."

Heathrow's importance to Hounslow's economy was underlined with 87 per cent of re-

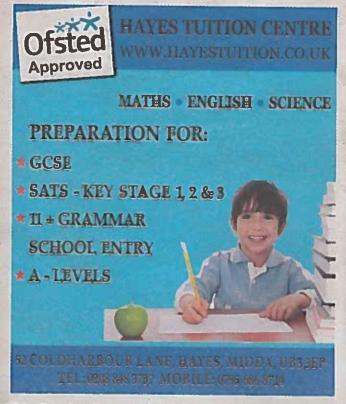
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spondents saying the airport was very or slightly important. Fifty-five per cent of respondents added that Heathrow was beneficial to their families.

Leader of Hounslow Council, Councillor Jagdish Sharma, said: "Hounslow is the borough most affected by Heathrow in terms of noise and the economy - our findings reflect these facts."

Hounslow is the borough most affected by noise from the airport, lying directly under main approach paths from east to west. and is also affected by noise from easterly take-offs.

The analysis was based on initial 3,000 responses, one third of the anticipated total with the percentages only likely to alter by 1-2 per cent in the final analysis.







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