



## Frequencies

### Approach

- 119.725 BOV/LAM arrivals
- 134.975 OCK/BIG arrivals
- 119.900 Transits through LCZ (VFR & helicopters)

### Arrivals

- 134.125 West
- 118.825 Northeast
- 119.775 Northwest
- 120.525 Southeast
- 133.175 Southwest

### Director

- 120.400 / 127.525 / 135.125

### Tower

- 118.500 Departures
- 118.700 Arrivals

### Ground

- 121.700 SE half of airport (from L stands to C)
- 121.900 NW half of airport (from R stands to D)
- 124.475 Stand by

### Clearance delivery

- 121.975

### Departures

- 118.825 / 121.225 / 124.925 Northeast
- 119.775 / 121.275 / 133.075 Northwest
- 120.175 / 120.525 / 133.175 Southeast
- 121.325 / 129.075 / 129.275 Southwest

### London TMA Middle

- 132.450 East
- 132.600 West

### London TMA Upper

- 127.425 East
- 135.425 West

### ATIS

- 113.750 Arrival
- 115.100 Arrival
- 121.850 Departure
- 123.900 Arrival

## Fire Service

121.600

## Spotter Sites

London Heathrow Airport is the world's busiest dual runway international airport. There is a third runway, which is used in strong crosswind conditions. Only about seven of the 67 million passengers that travel through the airport annually travel within the UK. Heathrow has four terminals, three are located on a terminal island between the runways, the fourth lies to the south of runway 09R/27L. A fifth terminal is under construction at the time of writing. T5 will be operational during 2008. As far as spotting goes, LHR's greatest asset is the ninety plus airlines and the constant flow of widebody, heavy aircraft. However, many of the spots are not as easily reached as one could wish for - unless you know your London public transport network, of course. Sadly enough, a number of the old spotting spots have been closed in the aftermath of the 11 September, 2001. This includes the old observation deck on Queens Building. Policing the airport has been tightened and as a spotter or photographer you can expect to catch the attention of the Metropolitan Police. Just remember to be polite at all times, show (off) that you know your aircraft, and it does help to have the phone number for anti-terrorism hotline on your mobile phone. It certainly did for me.

## Anti-Terrorism Hotline 0800 789321

Use the anti-terrorism hotline if you have any suspicion of foul play - no need to point out why to spotters, I guess.

Below you will find a brief description of the spotting spots at London Heathrow Airport.

### A Terminal 1-3 - Car Parking - Top Level

Most of the spots around the central terminal area are closed down, but the top level of the multi-storey car parks still offer a good overview. However, expect quick reactions from the police. Don't try to hide and my best advice is to be as visible as possible - use bright clothes (if possible marked with plane spotter) and have your photo equipment visible.

### B Western Perimeter Road South of Centre Line 09L

This spot is perfect for catching aircraft on short final to runway 09L. To reach the spot, check the bus routes on the Transport for London website.

### C Southern Perimeter Road - Stanwell

This spot is great when there is an easterly wind. You can catch aircraft in line for take-off clearance both at section 105/100 and section 98/99 across the runway. You need a step ladder since there are fences around the perimeter. There is no bus service to this spot, so you either have to walk from the Cargo Terminal or from the Western Perimeter Road.

### D Terminal 4 - Top Level Car Parking

You can capture take offs from 09R just outside T4 at the departure level, but then you need a 400 mm lens. Keep in mind that you can't see the runway so you see the aircraft only for a short period of time.

### E Southern Perimeter Road

This is a very good spot for close-ups of aircraft touching down on runway 27L. As for spot C a step ladder is almost a must. The spot is only a short walk from both Terminal 4 and Hatton Cross - a bus service from both locations is available.

### F Myrtle Avenue

Myrtle Avenue is the best spot around London Heathrow. It is perfect for capturing aircraft landing on 27L and best of all, you have the sun in your back almost all day. You can also get interesting take offs from 09R towards the east. Myrtle Avenue is only a ten-minute walk from Hatton Cross Underground Station. Just cross the Great South-West Road (A30) and right into Hatton Road.

### G Hatton Cross Parking

The parking area just outside Hatton Cross Station is an option to Myrtle Avenue, but be prepared to have the sun in your face, obstructing light poles and electric wires.

### H Eastern Perimeter Road

The Eastern Perimeter Road is a good option for arrivals on runway 27R. The best spot I found was passed the Parking Express long stay car park, with an open field in front of you and a minimal number of light poles. A number bin spotters were observed between the small sheds south of the Eastern Perimeter Road closer to the 27R threshold.

### I Heathrow Academy (the former visitor centre)

For those of you keeping records of registration numbers, the parking lot outside can still be used.

For visitors flying in to London, a great investment can be to order a room facing the airport at one of the hotels along Bath Road.

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