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## 80pc say no to flight increases

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ALMOST 80 per cent of residents in areas under the flight path oppose the Government's proposals to significantly increase the number of departures and landings at Kai Tak.

According to a survey conducted in mid-December by the pro-China Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB), 79.1 per cent of the people interviewed rejected the proposal to increase the number of flights in order to boost the territory's economic gain.

The survey included 854 people living in Kowloon City, Shamshuipo, Kwun Tong, Siu Sai Wan and Heng Fa Chuen.

About 25 per cent of those interviewed said they wanted the Government to cut the number of flights.

Only 13.9 per cent said they accepted or supported the proposal.

The Civil Aviation Department announced last week that it proposed to allow more flights per hour.

The plan, due to take effect from March 26, will also change the 11.30 pm curfew to 12.30 am, interrupting residents' sleep.

The Government said the changes would boost the territory's economy by \$4.3 billion a year in additional visitor spending, and by about 160 million a year in additional aircraft landings and passenger departure tax.

A spokesman for the DAB said the Government should try to increase the number of flights between 8 am and 8 pm but not during sleeping hours late at night.