

# Press Release



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## **CLLR GURCHARAN SINGH LEADS CHARGE TO RESTORE FLIGHTS TO AMRITSAR**

Lady Margaret ward councillor and Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Ealing Southall, **Cllr Gurcharan Singh**, this week launched a campaign to restore flights between Heathrow and Amritsar. This follows the announcement that Jet Airways - the only airline that flew direct to Amritsar - was discontinuing flights from Heathrow, and that Singapore Airlines is also planning to abandon Amritsar.

Cllr Singh said the decision would be a real blow to large numbers of Southall residents as it will extend journey times to families in the Punjab by eight or nine hours if they are forced to travel via Dehli. He said:

“This is a real blow thousands of families in Southall who want to be able travel as quickly as possible to the Punjab. Forcing people to travel by land from Dehli will add several hours to journey times, and make it far harder and less comfortable to see love ones or maintain other links with India.

“I believe we can fight back by pointing out that demand for flights to Amritsar is as strong as ever and that it is the economy of Amritsar that will really suffer. I am writing to the Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh – who himself has roots in Amritsar – to point out the damage this will do to the Indian economy.

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