

## **NOISE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

### **GATWICK AIRPORT**

#### **NMB/13 – Meeting Review**

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##### **Introduction**

This paper provides an overview of the NMB/13 meeting held on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, which in addition to the standing NMB topics, discussed two fundamental areas; further progress with the NMB Constitutional Review, and the NMB workplan for 2019/2020.

In May 2019 NMB members will reach the end of their first term of appointment. NMB/11 in June 2018, introduced the opportunity for members to reflect upon the constitution of the NMB and consider options for further improving the Board, learning the lessons of its first term based on feedback from all NMB Members. Following NMB/12 in September, the NMB established a Review Sub-Committee, comprising five NMB members, to undertake an impartial review, reflecting the views of all NMB Members and to make recommendations based on its findings. The Review Committee reported its findings and made a number of recommendations at the end of November 2018. The Committee has continued its work since, providing further clarifications to NMB/13.

The NMB also discussed several on-going workplan priorities, plans for which are already advanced, as well as detailed revisions to its workplan for the 2019/2020 period, this, together with the airport's Noise Action Plan, will guide NMB activities until March 2020.

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##### **Agenda item 2 Review of Matters Arising from NMB/12**

The meeting discussed the actions agreed in September, and was accordingly briefed by a member of GAL's legal team on the context of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) as they apply to the NMB.

The proposed Reduced Night Noise (RNN) trial intended to measure the actual noise effects of predictable, consistent approach profiles for aircraft. NMB was informed that planning for the six-month RNN trial is continuing, with the expected schedule now being January to June 2020.

##### **Agenda item 3 Review of the NMB Constitution**

The Review Committee reported its methodology, findings and recommendations to the Ad-Hoc meeting of the NMB on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. The NMB provided feedback both during the November presentation and subsequently, instructing the Committee to continue its work to further develop its proposals. At NMB/13, the Committee's representatives led by the Chair, NMB member for Surrey County Council, presented an overview of its further work and proposed next steps to NMB members.

The Committee recommended preliminary changes to the NMB Terms of Reference to take account of statutory consultation obligations for airspace matters, policy and escalation, and to introduce a vision and mission statement for the NMB. The Committee has also provided further detail of a recommended structure for NMB.

Based on feedback from NMB members, a twin-track structure will be implemented, involving more community representatives including local government. Feedback to the review also proposed reducing the size of the NMB Executive (NEX), while the NMB Community Forum (NCF), will increase the breadth of community participation, such as additional CNG's, Parish Councils, District Councils and so on, while applying strong governance, independent Chairmanship and a strong linkage to the NMB Executive. Respecting feedback to the NMB review, the proposed NMB Community Forum will provide for a requirement that community representatives are selected equally from each of the four geographical quadrants surrounding Gatwick. The Community Forum is expected to be larger than the present NMB.

The NMB accepted the Committee's findings and recommendations, and requested that the Committee continue its work in developing the revised Terms of Reference for the new structures taking into account the additional guidance provided by members at NMB/13.

NMB will hold a further Ad-Hoc meeting in mid-March to discuss proposed changes to the NMB Terms of Reference.

#### **Agenda item 4 NMB Workplan 2019/2020**

The NMB strategy embodied within the 2019/2020 Workplan focuses on achieving and sustaining a downward trend in noise disturbance and in the numbers of noisier flights; so-called outliers. These incremental noise reductions will be achieved through further improvements to operational and engagement strategies, and through the practical validation of new and innovative technologies and operational techniques, themselves designed to reduce noise disturbance from every flight. The activities captured within the workplan target both arrivals and departures and will be progressed within and beyond the lifetime of the Workplan.

NMB was presented with an overview of the ten priority topics and discussed options for setting and monitoring measurable objectives.

#### **Agenda item 5: Any other Business**

The NMB discussed a report of an enquiry into an alleged breach of the NMB Code of Conduct. The report upheld the complaint, NMB accepted the findings and recommended actions, and following discussion, agreed proposed corrective action.

Lastly, the NMB chairman noted that a number of important papers provided to NMB that had not been discussed in the meeting, including the Government's Aviation Strategy Green Paper, several noise performance reports, together with three papers related to the assessments of the balance of growth and noise, which had been prepared specifically to support broader understanding. The papers on noise metrics, ambient noise and Government Policy were nevertheless discussed at a follow-on meeting between GAL and CNG held on 14<sup>th</sup> January. NMB members were encouraged to familiarise themselves with those papers not discussed at NMB, and to provide any feedback to the NMB chairman.