

Gatwick Airport's Airspace and Noise Annual Public Meeting 2021

Meeting Note

Thursday 2 December 2021, Zoom Webinar

The Airspace and Noise Annual Public Meeting took place, virtually, in the format of a Zoom Webinar. Questions were received during the live presentations. Meeting notes from the presentations are provided below. The slides from the meeting are available [here](#).

Bronwen Jones, Gatwick's Development Director, welcomed attendees and panellists and provided a business update.

- Explained that although there had been a significant reduction in the number of flights during 2021 this did not diminish the importance of our noise management work as we look to the future and our plans to revitalise the airport following the COVID pandemic.
- Noise management, as a key component of Gatwick's sustainability effort, was central to the proposal to bring the Northern Runway into routine use, the consultation on which had just completed.
- The Gatwick element of the [Government sponsored programme to modernise UK airspace](#) was also a significant project for the airport.

Noise Management

Lee Howes, Airspace and Environmental Performance Manager at Gatwick

- Explained the organisational structure of noise management at Gatwick.
- How the Government and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) oversee noise management at the airport.
- Described the role of the Environmental Noise Directive Noise Action Plan (END NAP); Gatwick's END NAP covering the period 2019-2024 can be found [here](#).

Mike George, a member of the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM) and Gatwick's Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group (NaTMAG)

- Shared insights of the role, as a local representative, in the oversight of noise management at Gatwick.
- Specifically explained how local stakeholders are involved in [GATCOM and NaTMAG](#).
- Talked more specifically about his role in scrutinising the END NAP.

Graham Lake, Jonathan Drew and Warren Morgan, the three independent co-chairs of Gatwick's Noise Management Board (NMB)

- Talked through the challenges faced this year in taking forward the [NMB workplan](#).
- Identified areas where progress had been made despite the challenges of the pandemic.
- Set out the future for the NMB and its focus over 2022.

Kimberley Heather, Airspace and Noise Programme Manager at Gatwick

- Explained the purpose and origins of the Airline Noise Performance Table (ANPT).
- Described the 'mechanics' of the ANPT and how the Airspace Office used the information to improve airline performance.
- Airspace Office reports containing the ANPT can be found [here](#).

Airspace Updates

Andy Sinclair, Head of Noise and Airspace Strategy at Gatwick

- Explained how air traffic had changed at Gatwick during 2021 due to the pandemic.
- Talked through what has been happening with the [Route 4 departure routes](#);
- and how Gatwick's airspace plans had been impacted by the pandemic.

Andrew Burke, Customer Account Manager at NATS

- Talked about how the pandemic had affected NATS as an organisation.
- Described the changes in air traffic at Gatwick and across the UK compared to pre-pandemic years.
- How NATS is involved in noise and airspace management at Gatwick with an emphasis on emissions reduction.

Stu Lindsey, Head of Airspace Modernisation at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

- Explained the legal and regulatory framework for airspace modernisation currently set through the [UK Airspace Modernisation Strategy](#) (AMS).
- Set out the purpose of the Airspace Change Masterplan and what it means for Gatwick.
- Talked through plans for evolving the AMS and Masterplan and anticipated progress in 2022.

Andy Sinclair, Head of Noise and Airspace Strategy at Gatwick

- Provided an update on the Gatwick element of the Government's airspace modernisation plans in the south of the UK known as the [Future Airspace Strategy Implementation - South \(FASI-S\) programme](#).
- Detailed the progress made during 2021 following the pause of the programme due to the pandemic.
- Set out the plans for 2022, upcoming stakeholder engagement workshops and plans for further developing Gatwick's airspace change proposal.