

GATWICK AIRPORT NOISE MANAGEMENT BOARD

EXTENDED COMMUNITY FORUM (NCF-3)

Wednesday 10th February 2021 – Zoom virtual meeting

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

The NCF Chair welcomed participants to the extended Noise Management Board (NMB) Noise Community Forum (NCF) meeting. Part 1 comprised the NMB Workplan Workshop, to which NEX members had been invited to participate, and Part 2 comprised additional NCF business.

PART 1

2. NMB Workplan Workshop

The NMB Workplan Workshop was attended by members of the NCF and NEX. Please refer to the workshop meeting notes, issued separately.

PART 2

3. Airline Noise Performance Table Briefing

Daniel Kominak (GAL) provided an overview of the Airline Noise Performance Table, which is due to be included in the Airspace Office Q4 2020 report. The intention is for this to continue to feature in future quarterly reports to supplement the Airspace Office's programme of airline engagement.

In response to questions, a Continuous Decent Operation (CDO) was defined as any arrival below 7,000 ft mean sea level with no level segment longer than 2.5 Nautical Miles (NM). A level segment is defined as a segment of flight where the altitude of aircraft does not change by more than 50 ft. The QC metric per seat was queried. As load factors can fluctuate, especially at the current time, a metric using seats provides a more stable indicator which better reflects the noise efficiency of airlines' fleet. QC per movement was considered in the past, but it was rejected as the metric would favour short-haul carriers, as it would not take in to account the fact that larger aircraft, despite being noisier, have greater capacity.

The intention is to allow the table a minimum of 12 months to operate, and to evolve the table based on the feedback received. Engagement with airlines based on the RAG rating has already started. The meetings held so far were constructive and airlines were able to identify some concrete actions, particularly to improve CDO performance.

4. Discussion on the Government's Night Flights Consultation

An overview of the Department for Transport's (DfT) current Night Flights Restrictions consultation was provided, the information of which is available at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-between-2022-and-2024-plus-future-night-flight-policy/night-flight-restrictions>.

Concerns were raised by members on the legibility of the consultation, dispensations, and the impact of night flights on health. The DfT noted the complex nature of the topics being consulted upon and welcomed views on the management of dispensations through the consultation. The financial health costs compared to benefits were noted as considered, and attention was drawn to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) [Balanced Approach to Aviation Noise Management](#) (transposed in UK law) which stipulates that operating restrictions are a last resort. NMB members are encouraged to respond to the consultation directly.

5. A.O.B

- GACC provided an update on the Gatwick Airport Noise Action Plan (NAP). GAL produced an interim progress update in mid-2020. GACC conducted a review of this and did not agree with the progress outlined. A further review has been undertaken by NaTMAG members. GAL are due to publish their 2020 report on actions.
- CAGNE queried whether there would be scope to influence the format of NAPs following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. The DfT explained that the 4th round will be in accordance with rolled over legislation but that beyond that there could be an opportunity for change.

Open Actions

Action	Description	Responsibility	Status	Comments
NCF/01/02	NDG Chair to verify with NaTMAG the details of noise management metrics and reporting regime arising from the growth and noise evaluation by NMB, and will report findings to the NCF	NDG Chair	Closed	Post meeting update: <i>The Interim NaTMAG Chair has provided a response to this request, please see 'Noise Management Metrics and Reporting Regime, GAL, February 2021'.</i>
NCF/01/03	NCF Chair to investigate plans for consultation regarding FASI(S), in particular how and when CNGs and Councils are expected to be engaged and/or consulted	NCF Chair	Open	Pending Government announcement to re-start the programme.
NCF/02/01	NCF/02/01: AS (GAL) to investigate the climb of aircraft on Route 3.	AS (GAL)	Closed	Post meeting update: <i>Route 3 climb has been investigated and shared with NEX 1.1. and NaTMAG (November 2020 meeting). Please refer to NEX1.1 IP12 and the NaTMAG minutes.</i>
NCF/02/02	NCF Chair to update NCF on discussions regarding a	NCF Chair	Closed	NCF updated.

	working group by 2 nd October 2020.				
NCF/02/03	NCF Chair to discuss a potential review of the NAP and respond to GACC.	NCF Chair	Closed	Response provided.	to GACC

Part 2 Attendees

Name	Organisation
CLlr Catherine Rankin	Kent County Council
CLlr Caroline Salmon	Mole Valley District Council
CLlr Liz Lockwood	Tandridge District Council
CLlr Matt Boughton	Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
CLlr Ann Newton	Wealden District Council
CLlr Liz Kitchen	West Sussex County Council
Sally Pavey	CAGNE
Jane Vogt	CAGNE Aviation Town & Parish Council Forum
Charles Lloyd	GACC
Martin Barraud	GON
Atholl Forbes	PAGNE
Ed Winter	Plane Wrong
James Lee	TWANSG
Ian Greene	Department for Transport
Steve Mitchell	Mitchell Environmental
Warren Morgan	NCF Chair
Ruud Ummels	NCF Vice Chair
Laura Boccadamo	NCF Secretary
Tara Whittaker	NCF Secretary Support

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Gareth Evans	Chichester District Council
Stephen Hillier	Mid Sussex District Council

Future NMB Meetings

Meeting	Date
NEX Sub Committee	23 February 2021
NEX - 2	10 March 2021
NCF - 4	11 May 2021