

**THE NOISE & TRACK MONITORING ADVISORY GROUP (NaTMAG) Extraordinary Meeting
END NAP Annual Progress Report 2022 Discussion - Thursday 8th December 2022 (virtual)**

IN ATTENDANCE

Kimberley Heather (Chair)	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Airspace Office and Chair to NaTMAG
Lochlann Allison	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Airspace Office and Secretary to NaTMAG
Andy Sinclair	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Head of Noise and Airspace Strategy
Rebecca Mian	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Noise Management Initiatives Manager
Goran Jovanovic	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Airspace Change Manager
Tara Whittaker	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Airspace Office
Sam Tull	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Airspace Office
Jonathan Drew	Noise Management Board Executive Committee (NEX) Chair
Alan Jones	GATCOM
Liz Kitchen	GATCOM
Liz Lockwood	GATCOM
Mike George	GATCOM
Adam Dracott	Mid Sussex District Council
Monique Smart (observer)	GATCOM

APOLOGIES

Kathy Coffin	Gatwick Airport Ltd – Noise Reporting and Compliance Manager
David Monk	Crawley Borough Council
Leon Hibbs	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Richard Streatfeild	GACC
Malcolm Fillmore	GATCOM
Caroline Salmon	GATCOM
Ian Greene	Department for Transport (DfT)
Gary Marshall	Department for Transport (DfT)
Andrew Burke	NATS
Fernando Talarico	NATS
Tim May	Department for Transport (DfT)
Matt Hadden	NATS
Steve Anderson	NATS

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Action 3: We will review the landing fee differential at least every five years.

- No update to this action was reported in 2022, however members asked if a more specific date could be provided by GAL for when the next review of landing charges would take place. Members were informed no date could be provided at this meeting, but that GAL would endeavour to report more on this at the February 2023 NaTMAG meeting.

Action 4: Gatwick Airport Ltd will consult with its airline partners annually regarding the Airport Charges Structure. The Noise Management Board will also be asked for its feedback.

- GAL reported no airline engagement had currently taken place for this action yet in 2022, however, it was expected to commence imminently with wider engagement through the NMB in the new year.

Actions 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 24, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46.

- Members suggested better clarification was needed behind the status definition of “ongoing” under these actions. The Airspace Office suggested adding status definitions to the reporting key on Pg. 3 to better explain the difference between these ongoing actions that do not have an ultimate goal and actions that have achievable outcomes.
- **Action:** Amend the reporting key to better explain the definitions of status updates. Furthermore, these actions with “achieved” as predicted competition dates to be amended to “achieved to date” or “achieved 2022”.

Action 13: We will continue to promote adherence to the Arrivals Code of Practice through groups such as FLOPSC, Sustainable Aviation and other engagement events.

- The update on this action mentioned the Airspace Office’s promotion of the Low Noise Arrival Metric (LNAM) at various engagement groups in 2022, where members then asked if more detail on the progress of this metric could be added to the update. Discussion ensued over the appropriateness of sharing more detail on NMB workplan items, where it was agreed the wording used in the update could remain unchanged as there were other actions which related to the NMB workplan where details on the LNAM could be shared.

Action 17: We will implement agreed Noise Management Board Work Plan solutions that are intended to reduce the noise impact of arriving aircraft.

- It was initially asked if an expected completion date was available for the Fair and Equitable Distribution study mentioned in the 2022 Action 17 update.
- It was proposed the update in the Action 17 update on improved departure Continuous Climb Operation (CCO) could be better placed under a more appropriate action. Furthermore, amend an instance of the spelling of FASI-S under this action.
- **Action:** Amend the update currently given for CCO under Action 17 to a more appropriate action. Furthermore, amend an instance of the spelling of FASI-S under this action. (Post Meeting Note: Although the wording of action 17 focuses on arrivals this is the only action which captures broader NMB activity and thus the CCO text was left in place.)
- It was noted that there was no information on the landing gear study which had been completed. GAL agreed to add in a brief update but the Chair also recommended that a full update would be useful at the February 2023 NaTMAG meeting.
- **Action:** Airspace Office to provide an update on the progress of the landing gear deployment study at the February 2023 NaTMAG and include more detail in the Action 17 update.

Action 24a: We will review and increase the fines currently levelled against airlines which breach departure noise limits with all such monies passed to the Gatwick Airport Community Trust.

- Members asked if there was an expected completion date for the work included in the update on this action. It is expected work will conclude by the end of 2023, with work already started and a short series of workshops already held or scheduled. It was suggested more detail to this effect could be added to the action update.

- **Action:** Amend the Action 24a update to include reference to workshops currently ongoing in support of this action. Furthermore, amend the status of this action to “In Progress” for consistency.

Action 25: Through engagement with the Department for Transport, Aircraft Noise Management Advisory Committee and/or through unilateral action review our departure noise limits.

- The NMB Chair explained he had raised the issue of a new Noise Limits Fines Regime being tied to the DCO with Gatwick at GATCOM and then again at the NMB. GAL had confirmed at the NMB’s Executive Board that there would be no tie to a successful DCO application and would be writing to GATCOM to do the same.
- **Action:** Amend wording of the Action 25 update to better highlight that the work on Departure Noise Limits is not linked with the DCO but only used the DCO consultation, in Autumn 2021, as a means of engagement.

Action 26: We will work with our airlines and noise governance groups to explore the feasibility of introducing supplementary charges for aircraft departures which persistently fail to operate in accordance with Noise Preferential Routes prescribed for the airport as measured by the noise and track monitoring system operated by Gatwick Airport Ltd, with all such monies passed to the Gatwick Airport Community Trust.

- Members were informed it would be unlikely that work would commence on this Action in Year 5 of the END NAP, due to the requirement to prioritise other actions and the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on expected progress.

Action 28: We will continue a scheme that helps with the cost of acoustically insulating homes against the effects of aircraft noise. We undertake to review the scheme every 5 years to ensure it remains appropriate and relevant.

- A review of the Noise Insulation Scheme completed before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and an update is scheduled to be provided at the February 2023 NaTMAG.

Action 36: We will explore the feasibility of introducing an information service for local communities. This could include updates on airport operations, e.g. scheduled northern runway operations, change in runway direction, meteorological information, scheduled number of aircraft movements during the day and night periods, reported thunderstorm activity etc.

- Specific progress on this action was not started in 2022 and it was said to be unlikely to commence in 2023. Members expressed the view that the full range of available information and engagement and the narrative should be expanded. The Airspace Office highlighted that a wide variety of data is already published on Gatwick’s Airspace Information Portal¹ (also known as Insightful).
- **Action:** Amend the status of Action 36 to “In Progress” to better reflect the information already available on the Information Portal, which could be expanded on to better describe this action
- Furthermore, members inquired as to the possibility of scheduling time to present the information available to members on the Information Portal, for them to better inform their constituents.

¹ <https://aircraftnoise.gatwickairport.com/>

- **Action:** Airspace Office to add an agenda item at the February 2023 NaTMAG meeting to provide members with an overview of information available on the Airspace and Noise Information Portal.

Action 37: We will continue to provide a Community Noise Monitoring Scheme, operated under the supervision of the Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group and the Gatwick Noise Monitoring Group.

- The confirmed start date of the Reduced Night Noise trial is 7 September 2023, to align with the AIRAC cycle.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Members reiterated the requirement to ensure actions in the next iteration of the END NAP need to be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic & timely) and that GAL take account of these comments during the forthcoming drafting process.

AOB

- Members were informed that the winter KENET routing is currently in operation and available for use this season.
- **Action:** GATCOM members to provide the Airspace Office with END NAP actions to report progress on at 2023 NaTMAG meetings in early January 2023.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

FLOPSC – Tuesday 31 January 2023, 13:30 to 15:00, via teleconference.

GNMG – Tuesday 13 December 2022, 10:00 to 12:00 via teleconference.

NaTMAG – Thursday 2 February 2023, 10:00 to 13:00 via teleconference.

© Gatwick Airport Ltd. All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without the prior written permission of Gatwick Airport Ltd.

First published: December 2022