

LONDON GATWICK NOISE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Oversight Board

24 September 2025 | 09:30-12:30 | Meeting Room 7, Hilton Hotel, London Gatwick South Terminal

Agenda

1.	Welcome & Introduction	- The NMB welcomed several members to the Board.
2.	Key actions update	- Whilst the NMOB Chair has not yet been able to follow up with UK-ADS to understand current progress and discuss future NMB engagement around Airspace Modernisation, the Chair and GATCOM Chair have jointly written to the CAA about FED and Airspace Modernisation, following a GATCOM initiative. The CAA have replied saying the matter is one for the DfT. - 2026 meeting dates were shared with the agenda, and calendar invites will be distributed in October. - NaTMAG are investigating the noise enquiry and complaints item from the last Oversight Board and will look to tidy-up the current website. - There is on-going engagement with aircraft manufacturers. Although not an NMB specific event, Airbus will be attending London Gatwick's Airspace Fayre on 1 October.
3.	Independent Community Representative (ICR) update to the Board	- The ICR report was delivered by Rachel Thomas (Expert Advisor) who deputised for the ICR for this meeting. - Project updates were well received by the Community Assembly, with members praising the professionalism and detail of the work. - The Community Assembly would like to see support for the NMB from the new CEO of London Gatwick [see agreed actions below]. - There was a concern raised regarding an explanation used in a complaint response on the subject of "off track aircraft". - Community members raised the naming of the Airspace Fayre, suggesting the naming of this made light of an important issue. London Gatwick explained this was not an NMB-specific event but was open to all residents, regardless of perceptions of Gatwick and airspace & noise.
4.	Programme Steering Group (PSG) report to the Board	Factors Affecting Aircraft Noise: This project has reached its conclusion, and a report is due to be shared. A demonstration of the interactive Noise Impact Table was presented and was well received. Members raised the discussions around speedbrakes and their noise impact, as well as the improvements made by aircraft technology.



		Late Running Aircraft: Data validation is on-going with London Gatwick, and the PSG presented the key identified trends for the project to date. Airlines highlighted the complex environment that can lead to delays, noting that there are several ways in which this is managed by all stakeholders. The need to highlight resilience within the work was identified. Community Noise Metrics: Further engagement is being finalised for community members to discuss this project. A 'toolbox' of suitable metrics for use in future projects is being developed, and future work may look to develop a dashboard to understand the lived experience for local residents.
5.	Comms Plan update	- The Airspace Fayre, in the context of the NMB, includes an offer for attendees to join the NMB and the NMB Expert Advisers will have a stand there. - The NMB advertising campaign will be refreshed following the Airspace Fayre. - Despite the extensive previous advertising the number of people in the Community Assembly remains at similar levels, though higher than under previous iterations of the NMB. Given that it is in everyone's interests to hear from those affected by noise, future advertising streams will ask those attending the NMB to tell others who may be interested about the NMB, and will ask GATCOM to distribute materials to its members. - London Gatwick will consider including information on the NMB in complaint responses.
-	Administrative Actions	- The NMOB Chair will write to the new London Gatwick CEO to discuss potential engagement with the NMB. - The Secretariat and GATCOM chair are to distribute more information on the Airspace Fayre by Friday. - The Secretariat will share 2026 meeting invites in October.
-	Key Actions	Programme Steering Group Actions - Factors Affecting Aircraft Noise: Previous NMB projects and London Gatwick work/ existing measures should be considered and included in the Noise Impact Table. - Factors Affecting Aircraft Noise: The Noise Impact Table should consider identifying regulatory/ policy points within it as additional factors. - Factors Affecting Aircraft Noise: The PSG will distribute the report for NMB members to read first before publishing on the website, within one month.

		- Factors Affecting Aircraft Noise: The PSG will consider producing a factsheet on the technological improvements and trends to support this project before the next Oversight Board. - Late Running Aircraft: The PSG/Airlines will consider a briefing on how delays are managed and mitigated by airlines/airports/air traffic control. - Late Running Aircraft: The PSG will ensure that the final output of this project contains the key information in easy access ways (e.g. the graphic of the delays across Europe/"stories" of individual planes throughout a day). - Community Noise Metrics: The date for further engagement will be shared as soon as possible to community members.
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Next Oversight Board: Thursday 04 December 2025



Key Messages from GATCOM

- GATCOM is pleased that the new NMB is starting to gain traction and more detail about the proposed projects is being shared and discussed.
- Following comments and questions from members at recent GATCOM meetings, the GATCOM Chair and NMB Oversight Board Chair have written to the CAA about FED. The letter asks the CAA that when CAP1616 is reviewed that the FED report is taken into account with the objective of embedding FED Framework into regulation and encouraging earlier community engagement to take place. Secondly confirmation is sought that the FED report recommendations will also be considered by UKADS for all future Airspace Modernisation. We look forward to a response from the CAA.
- GATCOM continues to encourage members to promote membership of the NMB and Community Assembly including circulating the factsheet on the NMB membership process and encouraging our members to include that in community communications. Information about the NMB was also included as part of the recent GATCOM new member induction session.
- GATCOM is thankful to the NMB team for offering to attend the upcoming GATCOM Away Day to further highlight the work of the NMB.

Key Messages from NaTMAG

- NaTMAG discussed an NMB community request for a way to send flight-related feedback without making a formal noise complaint. NaTMAG's current view is the suggestion to tidy up website wording and signposting, rather than create a new form that could be misused for complaints. This discussion will continue with the NMB.
- After a prolonged 24-month delay due to technical issues with Envirosuite, the NTK system is now able to measure the new departure noise limits for the new scheme. The team has moved into a validation phase using the past three months of data (the only period available for analysis due to the availability of data).
 - During this time, 12 noise infringements were recorded, 11 of which occurred during easterly operations.
 - The team now aims to monitor the next three months (expected to be predominantly westerly) to ensure the scheme is balanced and not disproportionately penalising one runway direction.
 - Following this validation period, the team will initiate a six-month transition period during which, airlines will be monitored under the new scheme but not fined.
 - The purpose of the transition period is to gather sufficient data to support the formal submission of the new scheme to the Secretary of State, which is targeted for the first quarter of 2026.
- LNAM is nearing the end of the 24-month monitoring phase (11 September). The team is currently scrutinising the metric's performance – the goal is to ensure the metric aligns with CDO performance without introducing contradictions.

Key Links for NMB Members

Content	Link
Noise Management Board Site	Noise Management Board NMB London Gatwick Airport
GATCOM Minutes	Agendas and Minutes - GATCOM
NaTMAG Reports	Noise reports London Gatwick Airport
WebTrack	WebTrak
Insightfull	Gatwick Insightfull
Annual Noise Exposure Contours and Noise Reports	https://www.gatwickairport.com/company/reports/noise-reports.html
Development Consent Order (DCO) Outcome	DCO - Decision Letter - 21 September 2025.pdf Key points: - At Para 133, the Secretary of State (SoS) was satisfied that the proposals meet the aims for the effective management and control of noise, within the context of Government policy on sustainable development. - On air noise limits and contours specifically at paragraph 113 the SoS has agreed that the air noise contours provided by GAL in our responses of 23 December 24 and 24 April 25 should be used. - At Paras 90 and 91, on Noise Insulation the SoS agrees with GAL's approach to LOAELs and SOAELs and said that the Examining Authority's proposals far exceeded established policy as set out in the Aviation Policy Framework and Aviation 2050. - At Para 92, SoS was also satisfied that GAL's revised Noise Insulation Scheme and requirement 18 (of the DCO) allows consent to be granted, as it meets the aims of the applicable Government policy.
CAP 1616 Consultation	Consultation on the Airspace Change Process