

LONDON GATWICK NMB PROJECT CONTROL SHEET

Project Title Noise Impacts of Late Running Aircraft into the Night		Timescale Dec 2025
Rationale	<p>Aircraft scheduled to arrive towards the end of daytime operating hours can fall into the nighttime period, adding to night noise sensitivities. These late running arrivals and departures can occur for a number of reasons, one of which might be delays to first wave departures meaning that on occasion aircraft are taking off later than scheduled.</p> <p>The project involves understanding trends in aircraft late arrivals and identifying whether late running first wave departures cause significant impact to late arrivals into nighttime hours. The focus will be on identifying the causal factors and understanding if and where improvements can be made.</p> <p>Programme Management: Rebecca Mian Project Management: Charlotte Smerdon Core Team: Egis Expert Advisor: Douglas Moule</p>	
Scope and Objectives	<p>To identify ways in which to reduce the number of late running aircraft into the nighttime period. The project will start with an initial evaluation phase to analyse existing data. It will progress to identify actions that could be taken - where possible and within the remit of the NMB.</p> <p>Steps to achieving scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand the contribution of late running aircraft into nighttime operations. ▪ Identify the causal factors, which are controllable. ▪ Identify possible changes that will help to reduce late running aircraft into the nighttime period. <p>The project will not focus on uncontrollable factors to aircraft delays but will assess the overall impact of these. The project will not focus on broader issues of runway capacity.</p>	
Concept Development	<p>This project has been identified through a Community Concerns workshop held by the NMB. The project must focus on the controllable aspects of delay causation of daytime traffic into the night period.</p> <p>For project success, tangible and controllable changes should be implemented following the outcomes and recommendations of the project. It is anticipated that stakeholders across the operation will be involved, e.g. air traffic management, airlines, and London Gatwick airfield operations.</p> <p>Where impactful changes are identified but out of scope of the NMB, recommendations will be made and taken to the relevant areas/organisations.</p>	
Milestones	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concept Development & Solution Approach Baseline understanding of scope and feasibility, project requirements, project team, timescales and SMART objectives 2. NMB Mission Statement Alignment Comprehensive understanding of late running aircraft into the night, and any causal factor trends identified. 3. Project Health Check & Delivery Readiness Risk and relevance check 4. Handover & Project Close Report on noise impacts of late running aircraft and NMB recommendations/possible next steps 	<p>Mar 2025</p> <p>Jun 2025</p> <p>Sept 2025</p> <p>Dec 2025</p>
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Final report completed, currently under review</i> - <i>Additional engagement and discussions held with London Gatwick around on-going initiatives</i> - <i>Inclusion of additional case studies and 'real-world' examples</i> - <i>Next steps identified</i> <p><i>Next steps:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Share report with NMB members</i> 	