

# LUTON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONTROL OF AIRCRAFT NOISE

## 1. Name

The name of the Association is "Luton and District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise". The official abbreviation of the said name (by which the Association shall normally be known) is "LADACAN".

## 2. Objects

The objects of the Association are:

- a) to abolish the noise nuisance emanating from Luton Airport, whether in take off, landing, flight or ground testing.
- b) to press for all necessary safety precautions.
- c) to prevent increased operation and further development of Luton Airport, as an airport, taking all constitutional measures to achieve this aim.

## 3. Membership

The members of the Association shall be such individuals, households, authorities, councils, associations and bodies as shall have paid the membership fee set by the Executive Committee from time-to-time. The Executive Committee may by resolution passed at a meeting thereof forthwith discontinue the membership of any member whose continued membership shall in the opinion of the Executive Committee be contrary to the interests of the Association.

## 4. Subscriptions

The Executive Committee shall have power to decide what (if any) subscriptions or levies shall be payable to the Association by members and to take all steps necessary to collect any such subscriptions and levies.

## 5. Officers

- a) The Officers of the Association shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, a Press Officer and a Consultative Committee Representative.
- b) The Officers shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting of Members from amongst the members of the Association and shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) In the case of any casual vacancy in any office the Executive Committee may appoint some Member of the Association to fill such office until the next Annual General Meeting.

## 6. Executive Committee

- a) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Association consisting of the Officers for the time being of the Association. A person ceasing to be an Officer of the Association shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.
- b) The members of the Executive Committee shall have power at any time to co-opt any person or persons whose skills or knowledge may be thought useful to the Executive Committee to be members of the Executive Committee for any particular meeting or meetings of the Executive Committee. Co-opted members of the Executive Committee shall have voting rights in respect of campaign policy only and shall not vote on financial or administrative matters.

## 7. Finance

- a) The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the proper keeping of the Association's accounts and shall be required to give receipts for all moneys paid to him on the Association's account and shall administer the funds of the Association in accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee. The Honorary Treasurer shall present at the Annual General Meeting accounts of all moneys received and expended on account of the Association.
- b) The Executive Committee shall maintain such banking account or accounts as it thinks fit into such of which as may be appropriate shall be paid forthwith all sums of cash for the time being belonging to the Association. Cheques shall be signed by such persons as the Executive Committee shall from time to time authorise.

## 8. Meetings and Proceedings of the Executive Committee

- a) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Secretary on the direction of the Chairman or any two members of the Executive Committee as often as may be considered necessary.
- b) At least three days notice of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent or given to members thereof, but the accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by a person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings thereat.
- c) There shall be a quorum when three members of the Executive

Committee are present.

- d) The Chairman of the Association shall be the chairman of any meeting of the Executive Committee at which he is present. In his absence the Vice-Chairman shall be the chairman and in the absence of both the meeting shall elect a chairman. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present. Every member of the Executive Committee present at a meeting thereof shall have one vote and in case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- e) Only Elected Officers of the Association may vote on matters of Association finance and administration.

## 9. Sub-Committees

The Executive Committee may from time to time appoint subcommittees or ad hoc committees to which specific powers may be delegated and sub-committees or ad hoc committees may include persons who are not members of the Executive Committee without limit of numbers. The meetings and proceedings of sub-committees shall be governed by such regulations as may from time to time be laid down by the Executive Committee.

## 10. Powers of the Executive Committee

- a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Executive Committee who may exercise all such powers of the Association as are not, by this Constitution, required to be exercised by a General Meeting of Members. Provided that the Executive Committee shall be bound to carry out any instructions given by resolution of a General Meeting of Members and in the event of any policy decision which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is a major policy decision being proposed the Executive Committee shall be bound to submit the same to a General Meeting of the Members. No resolution of a General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Executive Committee which would have been valid if that resolution had not been passed.
- b) The Executive Committee may appoint such officers and other employees as may be considered necessary for carrying out the work of the Association and may fix their duties and remuneration. The Executive Committee may delegate to any such officer or employee such powers and duties as it may from time to time think fit.
- c) All moneys of the Association requiring investment shall be invested in such securities or in the purchase or upon the security of such property of whatever nature as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct and any such investments may from time to time be varied or transposed at the direction of the Executive Committee.
- d) The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint Trustees to hold any property of the Association and to make directions as to the powers, duties and obligations of any such Trustees.

## 11. Annual General Meeting of Members

The Executive Committee shall in each year (commencing with the year 1970) convene a General Meeting of the members of the Association, Not more than 15 months shall elapse between one Annual General Meeting and the next. The purpose of an Annual General Meeting of members shall be consideration of reports by the Executive Committee and the Honorary Treasurer and discussion of matters affecting the Association and to enable members to put forward their views for consideration by the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Association, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman or some other Officer selected by the meeting, shall take the chair at every such meeting, and such meeting shall be conducted in such manner as the chairman shall direct.

## 12. Dissolution

The Association may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by three-quarters of those present and voting at a General Meeting of Members and such resolution shall give instructions for the disposal of any property or assets remaining in the name of the association after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities. Any such instructions shall be valid and binding in all respects.

## 13. Amendment of the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by resolution passed by a General Meeting of Members of which notice in writing stating the purpose of the resolution to be proposed thereat shall have been sent to the Members not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.