



LADACAN newsletter

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BIG AIRPORT BACKLOG!

LADACAN is regularly being copied on emails saying that noise complaints have not been answered for months.

Mobile noise monitoring systems have been deployed all over the region this year, but the noise reports have not yet been published.

The airport's noise enquiries team is short-staffed, and its manager has been focusing instead on an airspace change project and a request to LBC to set aside the night noise planning condition.

Problems with Travis have been allowed to continue for months without being fixed.

The "good neighbour" airport is ignoring its responsibilities.

AIRPORT'S AIRSPACE CHANGE IS JUDGED "UNWORKABLE" BY NATS

For over a year, as members will know, the airport has been meeting Focus Group representatives including LADACAN to design flight path changes to try to alleviate noise on its westerly departure route past Brookmans Park. Delegates were told that aircraft would be able to reach higher altitudes sooner, and that new respite route options were possible to share the load.

After a year's work, the airport checked with air traffic services (NATS) and was told that the plans were unworkable because of conflicts with planes from Heathrow and Stansted. We had frequently raised these potential issues but were told that negotiations with other airports were going well.

In fact they came to nothing, and the best on offer until the whole airspace is redesigned (which will take years) is a slight tweak to the centre line of the track, and the option to climb to 5,000ft rather than holding at 4,000ft.

Meantime the CAA's review of the original RNAV implementation is due by the end of the year: our feeling is that we should wait and see what it says and also to press for a more joined-up airspace planning process.

LLAOL WANTS TO SET ASIDE YET ANOTHER PLANNING CONDITION

The airport is in breach of Planning Condition 10 which defines how much noise it can make at night. Although initially it offered to cut back on night operations, our "greedy good neighbour" has now decided to ask for the condition to be set aside for 5 years so its hoped-for noise reductions can catch up with its dash-for-cash in rapid expansion growth. Instead of the predicted 12 million passengers in 2017, there were 16 million.

MAKE SURE YOUR LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE IS WELL AWARE OF YOUR VIEWS AND GIVES FEEDBACK

Please visit your local council website, find and contact your councillor and make sure they are representing your views. They can do this via the council representative on the airport consultative committee (www.llacc.com) and/or via HAPTC which provides a representative to speak on behalf of Hertfordshire Parish and Town and Councils (www.haptc.org.uk).

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to visit our website at www.ladacan.org and to join LADACAN for just a £10 donation. Our quality of life in this region depends on working together to present strong opposition.