



Recent Aviation Consultations

LAANC Advice Note

The Government has recently announced 3 key consultations each of which contain proposals which have potential impact on all communities across London as well as those located west of the M25 and Surrey. Each of the consultations makes reference to numerous supporting documents and studies including the publication (in part only) of the SoNA 14 - Survey of Noise Attitudes 2014.

The Consultations concern:

- Night Flights from Heathrow
- Draft National Aviation Policy Statement (NPS)
- Proposals for Airspace Modernisation

Night Flights Consultation

The consultation is proposing that the existing night flight control framework, which is common between all three ex BAA London airports, continues for another 5 years (October 2017 – 2022). At Heathrow there are around 16 – 18 scheduled flights per night between the hours of 4:30 am and 6am. All of these are arrivals and the numbers are controlled by the Government through the application of a seasonal cap on numbers.

The Government only controls the numbers of movements with what it calls the Night Quota Period (NQP) between 11.30pm and 6am.

The last scheduled departure from Heathrow is 10:50 pm although late departing aircraft are often permitted into the start of the NQP.

No changes are proposed in the permitted numbers of Night Flights between the hours of 4:30 am and 6am.

There are no meaningful restrictions between 6am and 7am and none are proposed.

The consultation is stated not be related to the Government's recent decision to permit expansion of Heathrow by the addition of a new 3rd runway.