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**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' AIRCRAFT NOISE COUNCIL
COMBINED EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held via Zoom facilitated by Old Windsor Parish Council

On Thursday 25th March 2021 at 19:00

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Those Present

Mr Paul Baker Hammersmith and Fulham, Mr John Coates Richmond, Mr Surindpal Suri Ealing, Cllr Martin Eleghorn Richmond, Cllr Malcolm Beer Old Windsor Parish Council - Chairman, Mr Michael Elliot Ealing Noise Action Group (ENAG) - President, Dr Margaret Majumder ENAG, Val Beale Hillingdon, Cllr June Nelson Hillingdon, Cllr John Bowden RBWM, Robert Barnstone Stop Heathrow Expansion (SHE), Peter Willian Richmond Heathrow Campaign, Daniel Bayles RBWM. Cllr. David Buckley – Datchet Parish Council

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Joanna Darbrowska Ealing, Paul Leadbeater Elmbridge, Cllr. Wendy Matthews The Ivers Parish Council, Arun Sood Spelthorne.

2. Matters Arising

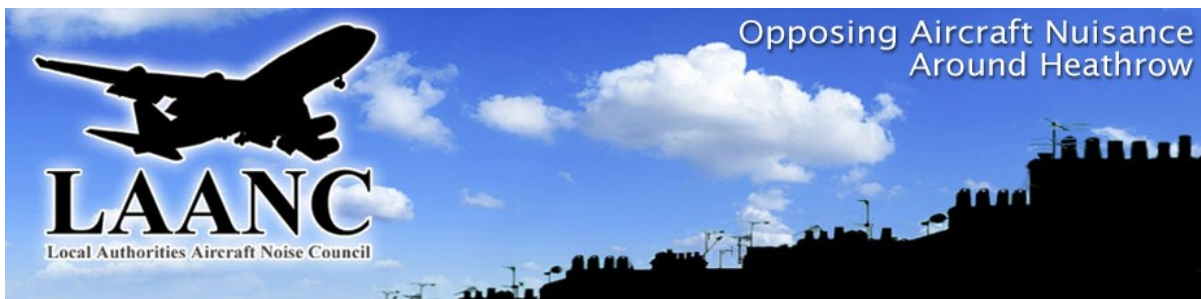
2.1 Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2019 were amended to reflect that the meeting was held at the offices of Spelthorne Borough Council.

3. Heathrow related consultations:

3.1 DfT - Night Flying Restrictions at Heathrow Gatwick and Stansted (closing date 31st May 2021)

3.1.1 The consultation can be viewed [here](#).

3.1.2 Responses are required by the 31st May 2021.

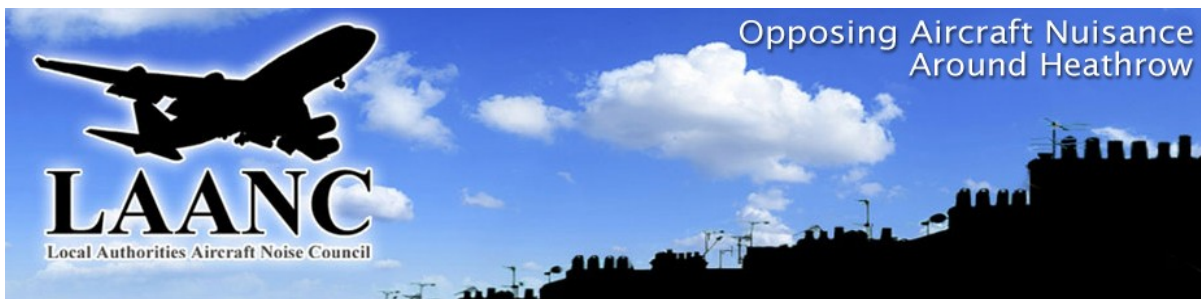


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3.1.3 Comments were made regarding:-

- The fact that World Health Organisation Standards are not being applied in this consultation.
- Inconsistency regarding the definition of the night period.
- The proposal to retire the quota count 4 aircraft (B747 - 400) will not affect Heathrow in terms of improving night noise (or cause any hardship to the airlines) as BA have already withdrawn these aircraft from Heathrow during the night period. They are still permitted during the day and will remain so under the proposals.
- The paucity of the Heathrow Community Engagement Board HCEB which presented both a positive industry view and an opposing community view.
- DfT still refuses to publish essential material for community response to Night Noise (SONA Night). This is outstanding from 2014.
- Some boroughs were intending to tie their noise responses to public health criteria, WHO standards etc.
- Action to reduce aircraft noise at night should be considered from a lower baseline than current.
- The financial benefits of night flying have not been demonstrated so far as Heathrow or any of the other Designated Airports are concerned
- Those producing the noise do not bear the cost of the noise. The polluter pays principle should be enforced. Residents should be compensated.
- The DfT was criticised for not publicising the consultation more widely.
- There is a lack of public understanding on the health effects of aircraft noise.

3.1.4 The Director will try to circulate a draft LAANC response prior to a further meeting mid May.



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3.2 HAL - Slightly Steeper Approaches (closing date - 2nd April 2021)

3.2.1 The consultation can be viewed [here](#)

3.2.2 It was thought that this could be a leftover project from the runway three programme where Heathrow wanted to be seen to do everything they could do to reduce the impact of expansion. The project is included on the CAA's register of airspace changes so it is also possible that they wish to see the project moved forward.

3.2.3 Increasing the angle of descent of arriving aircraft appears to shrink the noise contours if other factors remain constant however, the level of noise perceived by communities will not improve. It is also doubtful that the suggested 3.2 degrees decent angle will be achieved. The lack of positive impact on communities has been noted by the CAA.

3.2.4 The Director recommended that a response should be sent advising LAANC is not in favour. This was agreed.

4. **Any Other Business**

4.1 A request was made asking members to let SHE know if they are running any local campaign activity on night flights.

4.2 A request was made asking if LAANC could write to HCEB asking what the future holds for the organisation.

4.3 The meeting closed at 21.20hrs.