Airspace Change Programme
The airspace and flight paths around London Luton Airport form part of the wider London Airspace network. This airspace is the busiest in the world and urgently requires modernisation. At LLA, we are developing a five year Airspace Change Programme which indicates rough timescales to update and improve all of our departure routes. This will involve using the latest GPS navigation technology allowing us to design the most environmentally efficient routes possible, which will also seek to minimise the noise impact. Community engagement will be a key part of this process.

99% of departing aircraft complied with departure procedures in April and May.
An aircraft is considered to comply with departure procedures if it remains within the Noise Preferential Route corridors, up to an altitude of 3,000ft during the day or 4,000ft during the night. On our RNAV route (26 Match/Detling), aircraft must remain within the corridor until an altitude of 4,000ft. day and night.

91% of arriving aircraft used Continuous Descent Approach procedures in April and May.
A Continuous Descent Approach is conducted by an aircraft on arrival. As an aircraft descends from 5,000ft, there should be no period of level flight longer than 2.5nm. This keeps the aircraft higher for longer and reduces the noise disturbance at ground level.

Community Trust Fund
We’re not just an airport and a business, we’re part of the local community. We support people who want to make it a better place. That’s why we set up our Community Trust Fund.

Over the last 2 years, LLA has contributed almost £250,000 into the fund through donations and Noise and Off-Track Violation fines.

The Community Trust Fund gives grants to local charities and non-profit organisations in Luton, Central Bedfordshire, North Herts, Stevenage, St Albans District, Dacorum and Aylesbury Vale District.
For more information please see our website.
Aircraft Fleet Modernisation

Operators at London Luton Airport have some of the most modern fleets in the country. Operators are regularly upgrading their fleets and many have new aircraft on order.

Airbus and Boeing have both recently released details of their new aircraft; these are the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737Max. They were specifically designed to be as environmentally friendly as possible, meaning less noise is emitted.

At LLA, We are pleased to announce that easyJet’s first A320neo landed on the 14th June 2017 when members of the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee witnessed this arrival.

Mobile Noise Monitoring

Earlier in the year we purchased 3 new mobile noise monitors to expand our noise monitoring programme. These are now monitoring in our local communities, the exact locations can be found on our online TraVis system.

Following feedback, we have also updated our Community Noise Report which is published after a period of monitoring. The new report now includes information such as altitude of aircraft and number of operations in the area.

St Albans District Council

Following a recent meeting with a scrutiny committee of St Albans District Council, we promised to respond to residents’ questions in writing.

Answers to those questions have now been published on our website and the SADC website and can be accessed here.

Upcoming Public Surgeries

The Flight Operations team will be on hand to answer your questions in the following locations:

- Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre
  27th June (6-8pm)

- Whitwell Fellowship Hall
  25th July (4pm-7pm)

- Caddington Heathside Hall
  20th Sept (4pm-7pm)

- Baldock Community Centre (Baldock and Letchworth residents)
  14th November (4pm-7pm)

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