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## Noise Action Plan Update

London Luton Airport's Noise Action Plan which covers the period 2019-2023, was submitted to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in September. The Noise Action Plan sets out how we plan to manage and reduce the impact of aircraft noise to the local communities over the next 5 years.

The Noise Action Plan concentrates on five separate areas for action, including operational procedures and restrictions, the use of quieter aircraft, mitigation and working with communities and industry stakeholders.



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As part of the process we completed two consultations during which members of the Airport's Consultative Committee provided feedback on the plan. If approved, the Noise Action Plan will be effective as of the 1st January 2019.



**99%** of departing aircraft complied with departure procedures in August and Sept

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.

A Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) is conducted by an aircraft on arrival. As an aircraft descends from 5,000ft, there should be no period of level flight longer than 2.5 nautical miles. This keeps the aircraft higher for longer and reduces the noise disturbance at ground level.

**93%** of arriving aircraft used Continuous Descent Approach procedures in August and September.

## Airspace Policy and Guidance

Between July and September of this year the CAA completed a consultation period on a draft airspace modernisation strategy (CAP1690). The finalised Airspace Modernisation Strategy will be published at the end of the year.

The draft Airspace Modernisation Strategy forms part of the Government's new arrangements to take forward the delivery of the airspace modernisation programme. The strategy sets out the ends, ways and means of modernising airspace.

The Department for Transport (DFT) has also recently announced that we will be expecting a new Aviation Strategy Green Paper to be published in December 2018. This Green Paper will likely set out the evolution of the aviation policy for the United Kingdom.

To find out more information surrounding these topics and to be kept upto date, please visit the CAA website.

## Did you know?

easyJet now have a total of 15 Airbus NEO aircraft in their fleet and more are expected by the end of 2018. These aircraft are significantly quieter than the current variants and in turn have less environmental impacts.

We look forward to seeing more NEO aircraft joining the easyJet fleet. More information on the number of NEO's operated in the year can be found in our Annual Monitoring Report [here](#).

## Noise Monitoring Programme

In the last issue of Inform, we reported that we had received additional portable noise monitors. These have now been deployed in the following locations:

Breachwood Green  
Redbournbury  
Edlesborough  
Stevenage  
Knebworth  
Dagnall

## Public Surgeries

Representatives from the airport will be on hand to answer your questions about day-to-day airport operations at the following drop-in events:

**Breachwood Green Village Hall**  
31st January 2019 from 4pm-7pm

We're currently finalising locations for 2019. If you would like us to hold a noise surgery in your community, please contact [noise@ltn.aero](mailto:noise@ltn.aero)

## Luton Airport Supporting Macmillan

Staff at LLA raised more than £2,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support, in September. The charity's 'takeover' month at the airport saw staff and passengers participate in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', while pupils from Stopsley High School held collections in the terminal, and staff competed against each other in gruelling firefighter drills.

All the funds raised will go towards Macmillan's Grants programme, which helps those in the local area affected by cancer, as well as their families and carers. Macmillan research shows that four in five (83%) people are, on average, £570 a month worse off as a result of a cancer diagnosis and the charity has seen increasing demand for grants in the Three Counties area in recent years.

Supporting local charities and organisations is a core focus of LLA's Community Engagement

Strategy, which focuses on helping local communities, protecting the environment and contributing to economic growth in the region.

