

Stansted Airport Noise Action Plan

Non-technical summary

In the next five years, Stansted Airport proposes to do all that is reasonably practical to minimise noise impacts to the community. This will be achieved by:

- ✓ Encouraging only the quietest fleets of aircraft to operate out of Stansted Airport
- ✓ Talking to our airlines about them phasing out the use of all older, noisier aircraft by 2015
- ✓ Producing a league table on how quiet and 'green' the airlines are that fly out of Stansted Airport. This table will be published in our annual Corporate Social Responsibility report by 2013.
- ✓ Continuing to fine airlines whose aircraft deliberately fly off-track from agreed departure routes and height restrictions and feed all monies raised by these fines into local community projects via the Stansted Community Trust. We will also review the fining levels imposed during 2011 and 2014.
- ✓ Continuing to fine airlines whose planes break the Government departure noise limits – the noisier they are, the more they will be fined. All monies will continue to be fed into local community projects via the Stansted Community Trust.
- ✓ Monitoring and reporting on aircraft that over-fly the St Elizabeth's Centre (Much Hadham) and the towns of Bishops Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and Stansted Mountfitchet.
- ✓ Working with air traffic control, introduce a continuous decent approach (CDA) scheme for arriving aircraft to London Stansted towards the North East using Runway 04 by 2015. CDAs allow aircraft to descend on a smooth continuous glide path rather like travelling on an escalator as opposed to a series of steep steps. CDAs keep aircraft higher for longer, reduces the noise heard on the ground and improve on carbon emissions. CDAs already operate on Runway 22 at London Stansted.
- ✓ Reviewing where we park aircraft at London Stansted so that we minimise any ground noise that comes from aircraft engines.
- ✓ Continuing to provide noise insulation to eligible homes within the current Residential Noise Insulation Scheme in line with our current planning obligations.

In the next five years, Stansted Airport will engage with the local communities affected by noise impacts in order to better understand the concerns and priorities. This will be achieved by:

- ✓ Continuing to working with community representatives on the Noise & Track Keeping Working Group around the issues of air noise, ground noise and flight track-keeping.
- ✓ Proving different ways for the public to contact the airport to register complaints when they have been bothered by aircraft noise, and to respond to all complaints in a timely and sensitive manner.
- ✓ Continuing to provide public access to Webtrak – a web based flight information system that shows the flight paths, height, speed and call-sign of all arriving and departing aircraft at London Stansted.
- ✓ Clarifying our community noise monitoring programme that is used to help us gain a greater understanding of aircraft noise levels in various parts of the local community.