

## Request 11455 - Jet noise over Gamlingay

I would like to know what the Council's view of the new flight paths over Gamlingay is? I would also like to know what response the Council made to any consultation on this new flight path route.

I would also like to register with the Council that the noise from the overflying jets is having a negative effect upon my husband and myself. We have been woken at night and at times sitting in our garden is unpleasant. Background noise levels have previously been low but that is no longer the case. We are also very concerned about the pollution these flights are releasing upon us. Last week we smelled aviation fuel in our garden. Has the Council considered the detriment to resident's health and what if anything has the Council done to safeguard us.

### Response

Thank you for your request for information received on 28th July 2022. Due to the subject matter of your request this has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. (EIR) Environmental information is exempt under section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act as an access right exists under EIR.

#### [Find out more about what the EIR covers](#)

We can confirm that we do hold information relevant to your request and hope the following is of assistance to you.

As regards the Council response to the consultation, we find that regulation 6(1)(b) – the information is already publicly available and easily accessible to you applies – this is available on the '[Response to National Air Traffic Services \(NATS\) Public Consultation on Proposed Changes to Airspace](#)' on the Council website.

There is also more information in the [Leader's Blog](#).

Please find attached Council letter to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) dated 08 July 2022 and the response received from the CAA on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – please note a small amount of redaction is applied in line with our obligations under exception 13 (1) – personal data of third parties.

We draw your attention to the CAA response where it is explained that '*As it stands, aircraft noise is not a statutory nuisance in the UK*', - therefore the Council has no statutory duty to investigate and has no authority to exert over such matters. We appreciate you will find this disappointing, however, as explained in the Leader's Blog of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, your councillors will continue to raise local concerns where possible.

Residents are encouraged to use the avenues open to them directly to Luton Airport to raise any particular complaints concerning the flight path.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.