



## **SSE GUIDANCE FOR NATS DEPARTURE ROUTES CHANGE AT STANSTED POST IMPLEMENTATION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In February 2016, NATS implemented the transfer of Stansted daytime flights from the south-east departure routes (Detling) to the east departure routes (Clacton). This followed earlier approval by the CAA for the proposed airspace change. This has had the effect of doubling the traffic on the Clacton route. Near the airport, more people have suffered an increase in daytime overflights compared with the number of people where daytime overflights have been removed.

While there are winners and losers as a result of this change, SSE opposed the transfer of flights and published information via link <http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/nats.html>. SSE said that NATS had ignored local residents' objections – see press release via link <http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/press482.html>

The CAA's airspace change process requires that a post implementation review is carried out by NATS to assess whether the objectives of the change have been realised and whether the anticipated impacts and benefits have been delivered. The review is normally carried out 12 months after implementation to ensure that a full cycle of winter and summer operations has been observed in all weather and traffic conditions.

The sponsor of the change to departure routes is NATS in conjunction with Stansted Airport. The CAA had the responsibility for the approval decision with a requirement to refer its decision to the Secretary of State for Transport in exceptional circumstances.

The post implementation review will take feedback from all stakeholders including local communities and, while the review methodology is currently being consulted upon by the CAA, this guidance outlines actions that residents and local communities can be taking in advance of the formal review.

### **POST IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS**

SSE recommends that if residents have been adversely affected by the transfer of departure routes, they should make their views known directly to Stansted Airport using the SSE website form via link [http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/noise\\_complaint\\_form.asp](http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/noise_complaint_form.asp). Stansted Airport has already stated that complaints about intensification of flights and noise will be forwarded to NATS and the CAA.

Alternatively letters should be addressed to Stansted Airport at Noise Communications Team, Enterprise House, Stansted Airport, Essex CM24 1QW. Stansted Airport's telephone line for noise complaints 0800 243 788 is currently disconnected.

SSE's position published during the consultation for this change can be found via link [http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/documents/NATS\\_Stansted\\_Departure\\_Routes\\_Consultation-SSE%20Position.pdf](http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/documents/NATS_Stansted_Departure_Routes_Consultation-SSE%20Position.pdf) which may help as background information.

## **FURTHER ACTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE**

Residents are also encouraged to let your local council know of the impacts of the change and how it has affected you in your particular location. You might also consider contacting your local Member of Parliament.

Additionally the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee has local community representation and you can contact this committee through its Secretary Frank Evans via [fefamily@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:fefamily@blueyonder.co.uk)

Furthermore residents and local councils can also correspond directly with NATS and the CAA at the following addresses:

- NATS can be contacted via [public.enquiries@nats.co.uk](mailto:public.enquiries@nats.co.uk) or write to NATS, 4000 Parkway, Whiteley, Fareham, Hants PO15 7FL and telephone 01489 616001
- CAA can be contacted via [complaints@caa.co.uk](mailto:complaints@caa.co.uk) or write to Civil Aviation Authority, 45-59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE and telephone 020 7379 7311.

If you believe that a complaint or representation has not been adequately answered then you can refer it to the Department of Transport via [aed@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:aed@dft.gsi.gov.uk) or write to Aviation Noise Policy, Aviation Environmental Division, Department of Transport, Great Minister House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.

SSE stresses the importance of local residents making their views known about the airspace change and will publish further information about the formal post implementation review as it becomes available. If further information is needed please contact the SSE office via [info@stopstanstedexpansion.com](mailto:info@stopstanstedexpansion.com) and telephone 01279 870558.