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Forum December Newsletter

As agreed at the Forum meeting, the member for Dormansland has produced a draft terms-of-reference for the seat on the Gatwick Airport Noise Community Forum. Could you please let me know by the end of January any comments your council may have -

Terms of Reference contains the following information:

- Scope of Work is dependent upon the Gatwick Airport Noise Community Forum, but members are encouraged to seek to participate in this. To ensure all members are represented in reducing noise for all communities
- To assist and advise Forum membership at Gatwick noise forum, ensuring they are informed
- To report on a regular basis and provide documentation for discussion
- To coordinate documentation and feedback to Gatwick from Forum members when appropriate
- To not seek to represent any one member above another, and to conform to NCF code of conduct
- Resources are limited but all effort is to be made to ensure all members are informed in a balanced and fair manner by the NCF seat

You should have received the first paper from the Noise Community Forum - feedback is required by end of December please. Please remember these papers are not in the public domain and you are receiving these as a member of the Forum which holds a seat on the NCF.

Night Noise Consultation - The consultation deadline is 3rd March 2021. There is an online response form or responses can be emailed to night.flights@dft.gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-between-2022-and-2024-plus-future-night-flight-policy/night-flight-restrictions>

FYI there is a national campaign by community lobby groups to have a total ban on night flights. This may be possible now due to the UK leaving the EU, as government can be more flexible with changing policy on night flights.

The consultation asks for evidence so it may be appropriate to ask your residents' views.

Heathrow Supreme High Court has ruled in favour of Heathrow, that the then Secretary of State acted lawfully and has overturned the previous ruling and so Heathrow has the green light to proceed with building a third runway.

You may be in favour of this quote in relation to other airport expansion plans -

Dr David Joffe, Head of Carbon Budgets in a CCC webinar (15th December 2020), answering questions about the UK 6th Carbon Budget and the aviation sector said, when explaining the concept of 'no net expansion of airports' as repeatedly mentioned in the CCC report:

'No net expansion means either no expansion [of airports], or expansion in one part of the country has to be balanced by other parts of the country. Clearly the most high-profile potential increase in capacity is in the south-east, and if that expansion of capacity goes ahead, then that means not only no expansion of regional airports, but that some of them would have to restrict flights or would have to close. There's just no scope for ever-increasing airport expansion to be compatible with our climate targets'

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