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Dear Mr Drew

Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council have been informed that two new community noise group (CNG) members have been appointed to join the Gatwick Noise Management Board Executive Board (NEX)

We were aware that this selection was going to happen and supported the nomination of CAGNE for one of the appointments. CAGNE represents communities over a wide area around Gatwick Airport.

Your communication of 17 November shows the nominations and selection were for CNGs not individual people. *"the current term for the Community Noise Group (CNG) members on the NMB's Executive Board (NEX) comes to an end . . .etc"*

The result of the selection sent out on 6 December says *"Graham [NEX secretary] received 3 representative nominations for representatives from GACC, Plane Wrong and CAGNE."* It then says *" . . .nominations the first two representatives . . . received a majority of CNG nominations and are therefore successfully nominated to be the CNG representatives for 2022"*. This confirms nomination and selection were for CNGs not individual people.

So CAGNE which represents areas all around Gatwick was not selected while Plane Wrong, a single issue group, was.

It later appears that CNG representation is taken to mean people not actual CNGs, as was the stated aim, and the two people who were selected now represent different CNGs from those they did when selected.

What is still not clear is who is making the selection.

Plane Wrong only represents some of the residents concerned with the single departure route, Route 4. Plane Wrong's views are completely at odds with Plane Justice, who represent many other people under this route. It must be remembered that the Judicial Review brought by Plane Justice forced the CAA to accept the legacy route for Route 4 against strong opposition including Plane Wrong.

NEX can only be treated as a truly representative body if it is seen to have fair and proper representation from all areas affected by aircraft using Gatwick Airport. Electing a single interest

group such as Plane Wrong onto NEX fails to do this and thereby undermines the credibility, status and reputation of this body.

We now see Plane Wrong is not taking up their seat and that has been given to GON. GON was not one of the three nominated CNGs, only GACC, Plane Wrong and CAGNE were. The seat that Plane Wrong is not taking should be given to the only other nominated group, CAGNE.

It must be remembered the earlier version of NEX was a failure and it seems unlikely this incarnation is going to be any more successful.

Yours sincerely



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