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Aviation Town and Parish Council Forum

July 2025 Aviation Forum Newsletter

Dear Members

As you are aware (as many of you have supported the funding of the legal team) CAGNE is the only community and environment group since 2018 that has legal advice, since the Gatwick Airport Master Plan for a 3-runway airport. This team has not let you down and, thanks to your funding, they continue to prepare to oppose a new runway in October, having already notified the Secretary of State for Transport of the potential for a Judicial Review in October if she 'is minded to approve'.

The Gatwick Airport new runway planning portal now has the full submissions by CAGNE's legal team and team of qualified experts. See [TR020005-004106-Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions \(CAGNE\).pdf](#) and [TR020005-004186-CAGNE_9 June 2025.pdf](#).

The CAGNE team's findings are quite eye-opening about how unlawful Gatwick seeks to make the process, by a 'third scheme' unexamined by the planning process.

FYI the CAGNE KC has received a prestigious award of Lawyer of the Year.

In view of the recent update from the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) to the government, the KC has written to the SoS pointing out key points in relation to the Gatwick DCO submission.

The CCC comment on aviation that <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/progress-in-reducing-emissions-2025-report-to-parliament/#progress-in-reducing-emissions-2025-report-to-parliament>

1. Aviation continues to grow unlike other sectors
2. Aviation needs to reduce growth
3. The continual growth of emissions from aviation would put the UK future targets at risk
4. Aviation must take responsibility for its own emissions and skilled workers are required for job in the transition industries
5. It also states that emissions are coming from surface transport which must be a major concern for Gatwick

Airspace now, and what could be coming with airspace change <https://cagne.org/airspace-now-and-to-come-fasis/>

The CAGNE legal team are now looking at named action, to prevent the devaluing of homes with the desired growth of new flight paths and concentrated flight paths. Would your council wish to be a 'named person/organisation' in this action if it goes ahead?

Email cagnetatwick@gmail.com to register an interest.

UKADS, this new tier of bureaucracy to push through airspace change, is holding a meeting in July for a selected few, to discuss how they are to operate (CAGNE is invited).

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Rumour has it there will be some kind of consultation in September.

Night Flights – the Department of Transport are undertaking work on the economic benefits of night flights, which will be completed in March 2026. This work will feed into other work on night flights. This must be a major concern. Also, rumour has it that aviation is pushing for the cap on the number of night flights to be replaced with a quota system that will allow for more night flights.

Thanks to Cllr Fillmore here is the report on the June night flights - note the early morning departure increases and arrivals.

CAGNE is finally being allowed to attend the Department for Transport noise meeting called ANEG alongside Heathrow and Luton noise groups.

Gatwick Airport NMB – CAGNE put forward how unhelpful Gatwick's responses are to noise complaints and pointed out that those reporting could provide important feedback on issues with aircraft or airlines. Gatwick is to look at the 'tone' of the letters to make them more constructive i.e. residents' feedback is important to us. Hopefully it will include a feedback section on the noise enquiry line so that residents are not ignored if they complain a lot. Unfortunately the noise response section is NATMAG so not necessarily covered by the NMB.

Wheels down early of arriving aircraft is now recognised by the CAA as increasing noise by 5 decibels (dB). Gatwick NMB are to undertake further research on this.

The NMB is undertaking some important work on the impact of aircraft noise, which looks as if the CAA are interested in getting involved in.

You can join the NMB by emailing gatwickNMB.UK@egis-group.com or view details at www.gatwickairport.com/NMB

Environment - Climate Change Committee warns "aviation now contributes a greater share of total UK emissions than the entire electricity supply sector. Continued emissions growth in this sector could put future targets at risk."

AEF published a press release today coinciding with the CCC's progress report:
<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/06/25/uks-international-aviation-emissions-reached-their-highest-level-ever/>

- Aviation Environment Federation analysis of 2024 provisional carbon emissions data for the UK suggests that hopes that 2019 would be the peak year for aviation emissions have been dashed.
- The previous government's Jet Zero strategy (JZS), launched in 2022, set out a vision for reducing emissions from aviation, with the government at the time saying: "We want 2019 to be remembered as the peak year for aviation emissions".