

Decision Number: 14(2014/15)

## Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

**Subject:**

The 'London Airspace Change – Gatwick Local Area Consultation' sets out further proposed options for changes to preferred flight paths into and out of Gatwick Airport. This follows a related consultation between October 2013 and January 2014, which SDC responded to.

It considers flight paths over parts of Sevenoaks District

**Details of Decision taken**

To send the proposed response to the London Airspace Consultation

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure that the Council's views on the proposed options for new arrival and departure routes for Gatwick Airport are taken into account.

**All Documents considered:**

London Airspace 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation Portfolio Holder Report and Response

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:**

Not responding to the consultation was considered but this was rejected because it would prevent the Council's views being taken into account.

Supporting respite proposals that would lead to new areas being affected by noise from arriving aircraft was considered but rejected on the basis that this would lead to additional residents and businesses in Sevenoaks District being affected by aircraft noise.

Supporting proposals to narrow the concentration of departure flights from Gatwick without identifying respite routes within the current Noise Preferential Route was considered but rejected. This was on the basis that it would lead to a significant deterioration in the quality of life for residents and impact on businesses under the concentrated flight path.

**Financial Implications**

The report has no financial implications for the Council

**Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement**

N/a

**Equality Impacts** (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) this can be deleted if the decision has been taken on a report format and the heading already filled in

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Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	There are no equality impacts as a result of the decision.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	No	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A

**Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted**

Meeting with Cllr Cooke and High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group on 30/07/14

**Details of any conflicts of interest**

**a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker**

**b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict**



<b>Decision taken by:</b>	Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment
<b>Signed by Portfolio Holder</b>	
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13/08/14 (New form signed 28/08/14)
<b>Record made by:</b>	Charlotte Sinclair
<b>Date of record:</b>	29.08.14.

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