



Department
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AVIATION NOISE POLICY

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Overarching Noise Policy

- ▶ March 2023 published a revised over-arching noise policy statement:

The government's overall policy on aviation noise is to balance the economic and consumer benefits of aviation against their social and health implications in line with the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Balanced Approach to Aircraft Noise Management. This should take into account the local and national context of both passenger and freight operations, and recognise the additional health impacts of night flights.

The impact of aviation noise must be mitigated as much as is practicable and realistic to do so, limiting, and where possible reducing, the total adverse impacts on health and quality of life from aviation noise.

- ▶ We intend to publish a consolidated noise policy paper in the new year.



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Night Flights

- ▶ A consultation on a noise abatement objective for the designated airports (Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted) held between March and May 2023.
- ▶ We intend to launch a consultation on the post-October 2025 night flight regime early in 2024.
- ▶ The Aviation Night Noise Effects study (ANNE) is underway:
 - ▶ First stage: a cross-sectional survey of 4,000 people who live near eight UK airports, assessing the association between aircraft noise exposure at night and subjective assessments of sleep quality and annoyance.
 - ▶ Second stage: an observational study of 170 people, recruited from the survey, to assess the association between aircraft noise exposure and objective sleep quality, using physiological assessments of sleep disturbance and sound level measurements in participants' bedrooms.
 - ▶ Final report expected in 2025.