



Department
for Transport

Independent Advice to Government on Civil Aviation Noise

Next Steps





Purpose of the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN)

- Be a credible and authoritative voice on aviation noise issues;
- Allow communities to have a greater stake in the processes which will create noise changes;
- Make processes which change aviation noise impacts balance the needs of all parties in a better and more transparent way;
- Increase the public's confidence in the noise data published by the aviation industry and in the impartiality of the airspace change process;
- Challenge industry to enhance its approach where necessary on assessing and mitigating noise impacts and engaging communities;
- Maintain independence by testing and challenging all opinions to seek best outcomes and building trusted relationships between all parties involved in aviation changes;
- Ensure improved relations and trust underpin local decision making on noise controls; and
- Advise the Secretary of State for Transport in his role with regards to noise within strategically significant decisions.



- advising on the best noise management techniques and on the accessibility of noise information;
- verifying noise forecasts and noise data and influencing proposals through best practice guidance.
- monitoring and quality assuring airports' noise measurements and reporting.
- publishing and promoting best practice guidance including on noise management, engagement on noise issues, use of enforcement tools, and the role of conciliation in disputes.
- reviewing recent research and where gaps in evidence exist, undertake or commission independent research.



- An examination of the need for noise advice from an independent body, considering ICCAN's remit in the context of the effective implementation of Government policies on aviation noise management, Departmental priorities, including its ongoing commitment to airspace modernisation, and the changing aviation sector landscape;
- Consideration of whether ICCAN's functions continue to be required to meet aviation noise policy objectives, and if so, how effectively ICCAN has performed in delivering its functions;
- Evaluation as to whether continuing functions should still be delivered by ICCAN or whether these could be delivered as effectively by another public body or within DfT.



Closure of ICCAN and next steps

- Aviation Minister announced on 6 Sept his conclusion that many of ICCAN's functions would be more efficiently performed by the Civil Aviation Authority, which already has a wider environmental remit;
- ICCAN Commissioner appointments were not renewed on 30 Sept;
- ICCAN Secretariat staff (already DfT staff) continue winding up and transition activities within DfT;
- DfT continues discussions with CAA on taking over relevant functions.

