

London Southend Airport Community Noise Forum (LSACNF)

The London Southend Airport Community Noise Forum (LSACNF) has been established to create and maintain an impartial pathway for the local community to engage with the airport, and to increase trust, transparency and clarity on noise issues associated with London Southend Airport (LSA).

We believe good engagement is the foundation for fostering improved community relations. It can enable an airport to be a transparent, honest and responsible neighbour, and help it make decisions based on understanding and trust.

The focus of the LSACNF is to develop strong links with the local community through honest dialog and transparency behind decision making to enable the community to better understand the controls under which the airport operates. It will not be possible to remedy every noise related issue. However, better understanding of local concerns and how noise impacts local residents will help inform and shape future decisions. We can then work together to identify solutions that could have a more positive impact for all.

Good community engagement is essential to:

- Promote a meaningful partnership between LSA and local communities
- Help develop and build trust between decision-makers and the community
- Enable LSA to gain, build and maintain community understanding for their activities
- Create an open exchange of ideas for the benefit of all
- Demonstrate transparency and accountability

B. The key objective of the LSACNF is to work as a representative group to establish what are realistic solutions to community noise impact and then support implementation, as follows:

1. Establish a representative working group to Increase understanding of the issues that lead to noise-generating activities, for example night noise
2. Share noise complaint and operational compliance data
3. Ascertain, coordinate and represent the concerns of local communities affected by aircraft noise arising from operations associated with LSA
4. Prioritise concerns and potential responses, acknowledging that not all concerns may be fully addressable
5. Ensure that community concerns relating to aircraft noise are fully understood by those key stakeholder organisations associated with LSA operations
6. Improve understanding of members on LSA's operations and airspace issues
7. Keep community representatives and local authority stakeholders informed and seek their input in preparing for and consulting on future airport developments and noise abatement initiatives
8. Set out specific initiatives and ambitions that are monitored and delivered against
9. Improve understanding of local community concerns about noise and air pollution and how LSA can build trust in compliance and date reporting through transparency and discussion
- 10.** Report progress on LSA's 'Balanced Approach' to the management of Airport noise, through an agreed format, publishing quarterly.

The limitations of the LSACNF are:

1. LSACNF has no legal status or standing
2. Its effectiveness depends upon the cooperation and constructive participation of its membership.
3. LSACNF addresses noise issues at a strategic and technical level. It does not itself make decisions; its power comes from its ability to make evidence-based recommendations to the relevant decision makers.

Membership

An independent Chair, appointed through an external recruitment process, and secretariat are provided by LSA, who will attend each meeting as a reporting guest. Membership of the forum may include representation from:

- Local resident groups (a maximum of three selected at random from applications)
- Local residents (a maximum of 19, one from each SS post code selected at random)
- Local authorities (SBC, RDC, ECC, one member from each, with no duplication of membership of ACC)
- DfT (one member invited)
- CAA (one member invited)
- ICANN (one member invited)
- ATC (Local)
- Based airlines (one member invited)
- Local business or business groups (three members)
- Noise expert

Code of Conduct

For the LSACNF to be constructive all members are expected to:

- Recognise LSA's legal right to exist and operate under its existing S106 agreement
- Seek to balance the operational expectations of the communities affected, or potentially affected, by LSA's operations (including minimising the health and noise impacts of aircraft) against the commercial and safety imperatives of the airport and its customers and the social and economic benefits it delivers
- Seek to balance a sustainable airport future with the opportunity to create long term jobs and regeneration within the local community with the needs and concerns of our local residents by adopting policies and procedures that provide optimum benefit to all parties
- Seek to understand and respect the views of other LSACNF members and work through consensus where that is possible
- Consider the wider views of the stakeholder group that they represent, establish mechanisms to gather those views where necessary, and present them in a balanced way
- At all times act with courtesy, respect for others, honesty, integrity and transparency