

Edinburgh Airport Noise Review Panel Consultation

Introductory Overview

Edinburgh Airport Limited (EAL) has an obligation to address noise impacts from its operations. The Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB) was created by EAL in 2017 as a means to improve dialogue between the airport and its surrounding communities on issues relating to aircraft noise.

EAL consulted on a draft structure for such a body with community councils and political representatives under its flight paths and spoke with other airports in the UK to determine the best structure for Edinburgh Airport. It was agreed that a community led approach, with an independent chair, would be the best model for Edinburgh.

The first meeting was held in September 2017, attended by representatives of a number of Community Councils, the Cramond Association and activist group Edinburgh Airport Watch. This working group drew up Terms of Reference and a Code of Conduct and by December 2017 the EANAB was formed.

The stated goal of EANAB is:

“to create and maintain an impartial pathway for the Community at large to engage with Edinburgh Airport Limited (EAL) in the understanding and resolution of issues relating to aircraft noise associated with Edinburgh Airport (EDI), with the primary aim of minimising the noise impact on affected or potentially affected communities.”

EANAB’s activities can be viewed in its [2019 Annual Report](#).

After three years of operation, the Edinburgh Airport Noise Review Panel has been established with members drawn from EANAB, EAL and the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee to review the effectiveness of the arrangements and processes for meeting this goal. Some issues already highlighted to the review panel which will need proper consideration include the role and purpose of EANAB; its composition; the relationship between EANAB and EAL; how EANAB engages with communities impacted by aircraft noise; funding and staffing support, as well as the body’s access to appropriate advice and technical expertise.

We welcome additional issues being highlighted to the review panel during the course of the review.

EANAB Composition, Guidelines and Procedures

A full listing of represented organisations, its Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct and Memorandum of Understanding with EAL can be found on the [EANAB Website](#).

How EANAB works

EANAB meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month and carries out its work via member subgroups for technical investigations which cover noise itself, health impacts, internal governance, communications with other stakeholders and the provision of noise information to Councils for planning considerations.

Workings of the various subgroups are reported to the monthly meetings where decisions are taken.

Resourcing of the Board

The workload is carried entirely by the effort of members who are all volunteers. Funding requirements for studies and support proposed by EANAB are subject to negotiation with EAL. EAL funds the Board's group meeting costs, minute taking and the independent chair.

Communications

At present, matters discussed and decided upon by EANAB are reported back by individual members to their respective bodies following monthly meetings via standing items at their Community meetings. Concerns addressed to those members are brought forward at the monthly meetings of EANAB. Further information including the reports of findings are published on the website.

Invitation

You are invited to respond to the attached list of questions that are addressed to the effectiveness of the Board in meeting its purpose as defined above.

You may comment and ask additional questions at the end of the survey.

For further information please email: information@eanrp.org.uk