

It is deeply worrying that the applicant fails to recognise the safety concerns raised by affected airfields. The applicant's contention that there is no safety issue because pilots who fly from those airfields can "just stop flying" is utter nonsense. Taken to its logical conclusion, that would mean that there can never be any objection on safety grounds to the applicant's proposals, because occupiers of premises (whether business or residential) can "just stop doing business/living there" and those carrying on other activities can "just stop carrying those activities on". The applicant has made no attempt to even discuss the possibility of any compromise let alone to reach a compromise that would allow flying to continue safely from affected airfields. The applicant's proposals are clearly contrary to planning guidelines and to basic safety requirements.