

Post-hearing OFH1

Thank you for enabling me to submit verbally for 3 minutes at this meeting.

I made two points then:

1 Please review the recent airspace changes that focus easterly approaches taking their final turn over or near Leighton Buzzard and

2 Please enforce the already agreed (by NATS) CDA approach procedures

The applicants' representative as final speaker at the close of the meeting made the point that my point 1 was outside the scope of the review. If so, please confirm and, if not then please ensure this is reviewed as outlined when I spoke.

My point 2:

CDA approaches:

Please accept my 'layman's' approach to this submission. I believe the content can help all parties involved in this review. Continuous Decent Approaches (CDAs) have, I understand, been drawn to the attention of the review. They are practical/efficient and have no downside. Whatever the pace and scale of growth in flight numbers to Luton, CDAs will benefit all.

Based on the points 7,9 and 16 of the Non Technical Summary (Air quality/Climate change and greenhouse gases/Noise, this simple, proven, implementable and cost effective, for all, suggestion makes sense - please consider it in that light. CDAs are already practised by many but not all pilots/airlines. The review panel already have data previously submitted on how many flights in to Luton (especially when there is a prevailing easterly wind direction at ground level) do not apply this. (Instead, still using a noisy, fuel inefficient, 'stepped' approach).

Any qualified commercial pilot applying a CDA will ensure their airline will benefit in terms of cost saving. I would argue that many aircrew would also enjoy the opportunity to perfect their application of the CDA approach. The 'applicant' (both Luton airport and Luton Council) can also benefit further by reducing the impact on the passengers and the population while also saving money. The affected citizens benefit. There is no impact on number of aircraft that can land in a given period. In other words, I ask that serious implementation of this, by all the airlines involved and supported by Luton Rising, is a mandated outcome of this review, with the penalties properly applied when the airlines do not comply, as there are no reasonable excuses not so to do.

I do realise this comment is short and simple, however, the detail is already available/tested/applied by some and proven. I trust the review will ensure this is taken in to account to minimise cost and maximise the positive impact on citizens and businesses in the future.

Thank you

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