

Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

26 September 2011
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Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 14 September 2011, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

“How many times have the night flying restrictions been broken at Leeds Bradford International Airport in the previous 12 months and which air carrier is the worst offender”.

Our response:

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are able to provide the following response.

The CAA does not hold the data you have requested. Whilst the CAA has some data on flightpaths for Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted Airports, it does not otherwise monitor individual aircraft movements or the flow of air traffic into or out of airports. Noise abatement procedures are established either as a voluntary measure by the airport itself or as a condition of planning consent. In the latter case, any restrictions will usually be contained within what is known as a Section 106 agreement. The monitoring of compliance with those restrictions is a matter for the airport and local planning authority as is the decision to apply sanctions to the operator concerned.

The noise abatement procedures for Leeds/Bradford Airport are published in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication and can be accessed via the following link:

http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/public/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=88&Itemid=137.html

From this webpage, select the link to 'Textual Data'; the noise abatement procedures are detailed in paragraph EGNM AD 2.21. The night restrictions are described in sub-para f confirming that they are the result of a planning condition. The local planning authority or the airport itself may be able to help further.

Finally, Leeds Bradford Airport is required under Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 to provide facilities for consultation, effectively in the form of a Consultative Committee. Its role is to oversee the management and administration of the airport and membership will comprise representation from the aerodrome, local authority, parish councils and other interested parties. Local difficulties and associated queries relating to an airport's operation

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can often be resolved through liaison with the Committee or through contact with the local authority's representative. Matters such as noise complaints and compliance would normally be discussed by the Consultative Committee. Further information, including the Minutes of recent meetings can be obtained from the airport's website:

<http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/about-the-airport/environment-and-community/consultative-committee>

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager
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The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at <http://www.caa.co.uk/foi>.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
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CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.