Dear CAA,

I am writing to you to request a call in in respect of "Birmingham Airport Runway 33 standard instrument procedures".

The Calthorpe Residents Society submitted its concerns with regards to the consultation process, and also the changes to the flight data which local communities sought on the impact of changing a non-standard flightpath to a standard flightpath called MOSUN. These are attached for your use.

This flightpath overflies a substantial number of people and communities. There are approx 170,000 people affected by this flightpath. This is substantially more than is overflown by the South flightpath.

The flightpath also overflies a number of schools, two major universities and several key hospitals. The Edgbaston and Harborne areas have the highest density of education and health institutions in the West Midlands and Birmingham.

Our area has had to lobby for improved consultation to ensure local residents were informed and understood the scale of the planned flightpath changes. Our area had only one small initial consultation meeting and we lobbied for a second meeting through our MP as well as direct with the Airport. This was granted and the deadline extended. At this second meeting a high level of concern was expressed about impact and consultation.

The Calthorpe Society in submitting its response recognised the merit of a high quality and well connected airport for Birmingham, although we have strong reservations about details contained in the flightpath proposal and are eager to enter into a constructive dialogue in order to explore better alternatives.

While we have had subsequent meetings with the Airport, we remain concerned that our local communities still do not fully understand the implications and potential long term impacts from the standardisation of the MOSUN flightpath due to the inadequacies in the consultation undertaken in 2017. Equally we do feel that the Airport should institute changes to its consultation processes to acknowledge the interests of communities under the MOSUN flight path, via the Airport Consultative Committee.

I hope you will be able to consider our concerns in your own decision-making process.

Thanks you

Best wishes

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