

CAP 3164 Economic Regulation of NERL – response to Consultation

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As part of the Harpenden Sky Stakeholder Group I wish to raise my concerns as to the lack of transparency and potential for environmental abuses if NATS managed Airspace Design Service is not required to adopt FOI as part of their operating license.

Without this requirement it would be very difficult for local residents to challenge changes in routing that subject them to increased noise and air pollution, lower and more aircraft - affecting health and quality of life. It leaves us in the dark and enables people and governments who do not necessarily have the wellbeing of local people at heart with much less accountability.

In a democratic country this industry and service should not be free to act without the FOI conditions and accountability and transparency required of other governments and institutions.

So specifically NATS should be subject to FOI as a condition of the managed Airspace Design Service.