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26 September 2016
EIR Reference: E0002903

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 31 August 2016, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

'Under FOI Could I request the 2015 and 2016 plots for the westerly arrival tracks for the last weekend in August.'

'Also could I request the easterly arrival plots for 2010 2014 2015 and 2016'

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), we are able to provide the information below.

Please find attached track density diagrams covering Gatwick arrivals during the summer period (16 June to 15 September) in 2010, 2014, 2015 and 2016. These plots illustrate the flight paths of both easterly arrivals and westerly arrivals on the same diagram, but are otherwise similar to the plots provided to you previously under FOI reference F0002098.

We do not hold equivalent plots (in the same presentation format as the summer diagrams) for westerly arrivals during the last weekend in August in 2015 and 2016. Since we do not currently hold the particular information being requested we are not obliged to provide you with this information, therefore, Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR applies. A copy of this exception can be found below.

However, we understand that the information may be helpful to you and have therefore enclosed diagrams for the last weekend in August in 2015 and 2016 that have been produced using the built-in functionality of the Gatwick Noise and Track Keeping (NTK) system. For your information we have also provided the corresponding NTK track density diagrams for the equivalent weekend periods in August 2010 and August 2014.

Please note that the colour track shading shown in the NTK diagrams is not directly comparable to the colour shading shown in the summer diagrams. For reference, the

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numbers (and colours) shown in the legend of the NTK-generated plots represent counts of tracks that pass across individual screen pixels generated by the system software.

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:-

Caroline Chalk
Head of External Information Services
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
Gatwick
RH6 0YR

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The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with requests under the Environmental Information Regulations. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely



Rihanne Stephen
Information Rights Officer

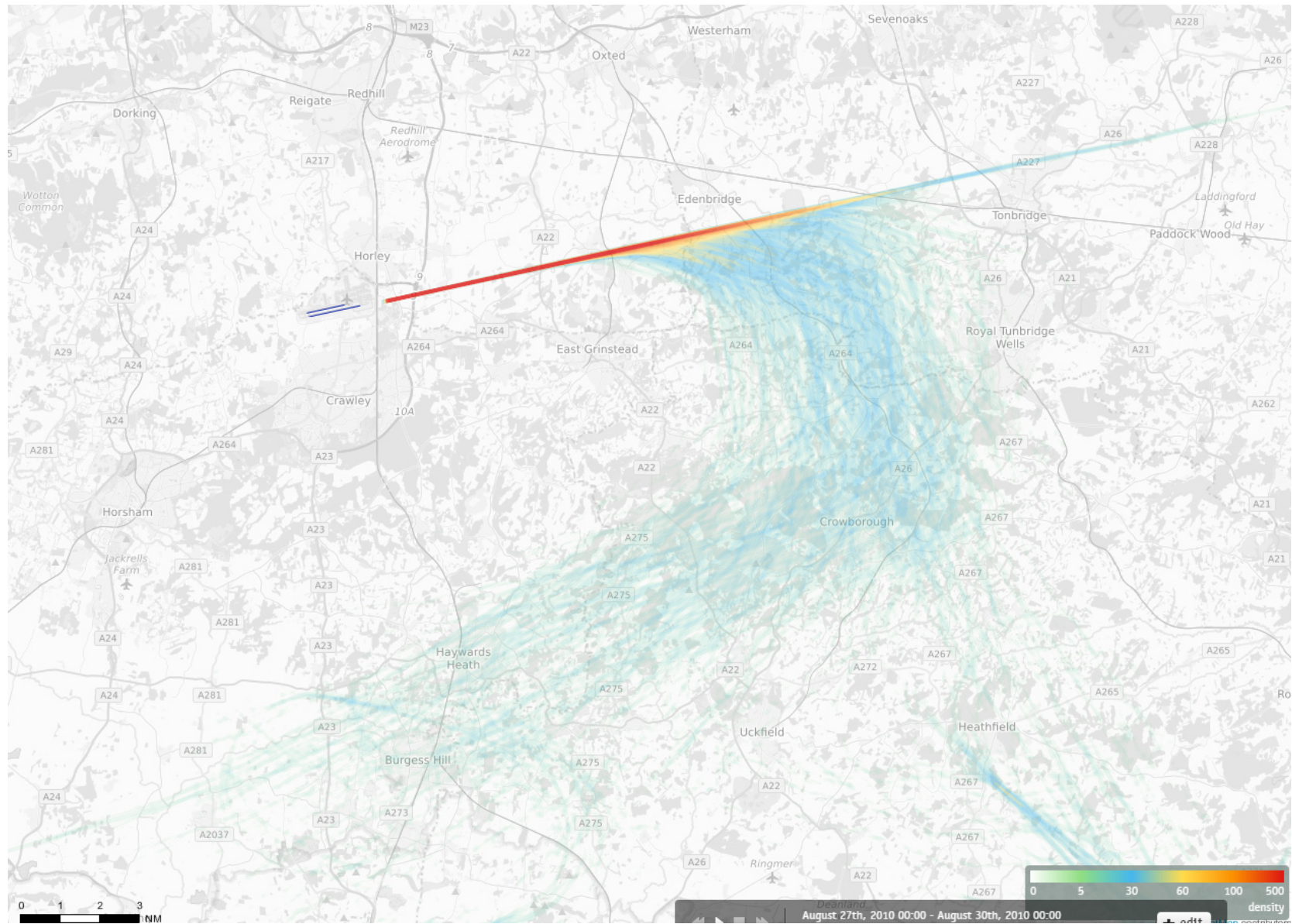
CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- 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.

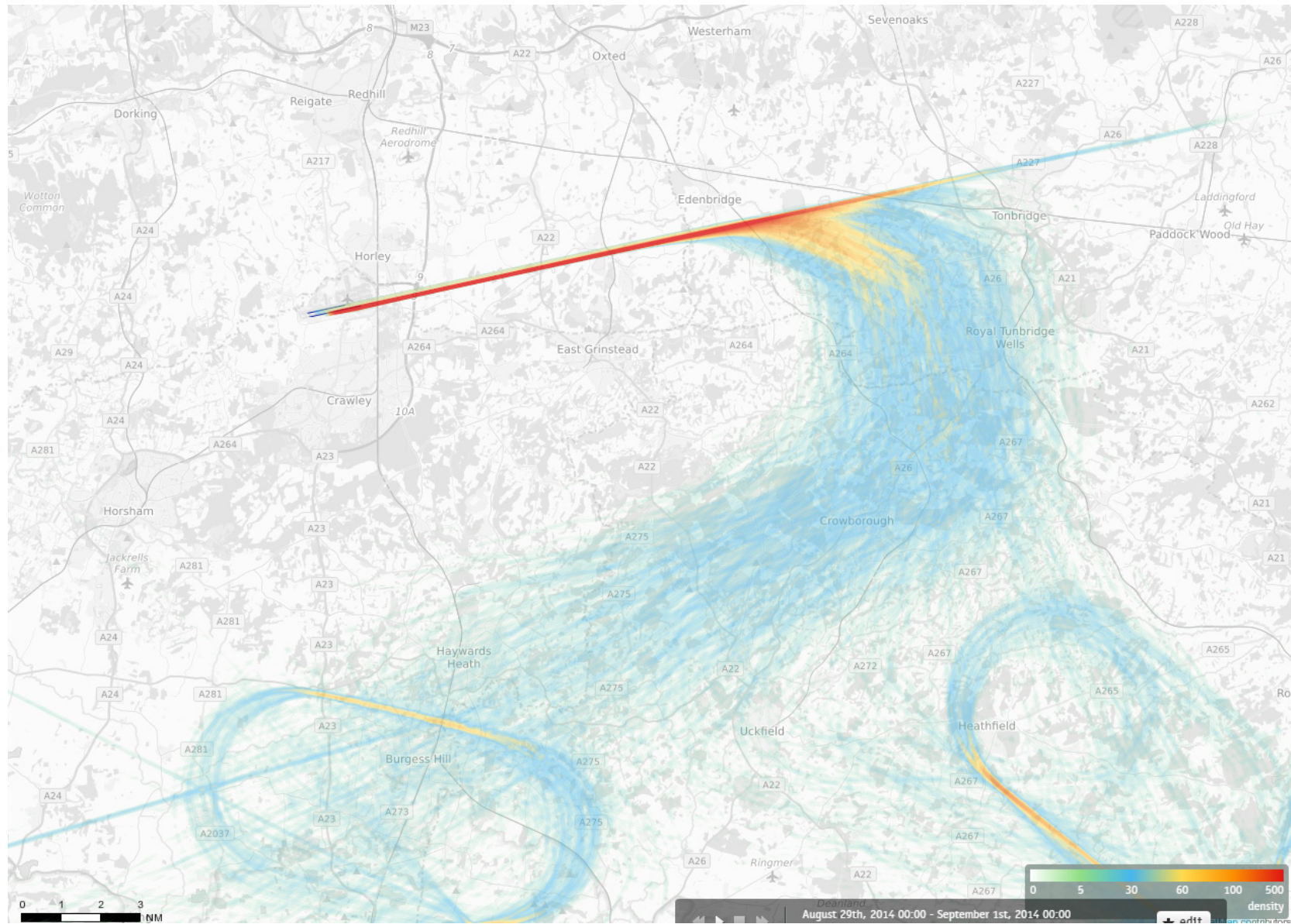
Regulation 12 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (9), a public authority may refuse to disclose environmental information requested if—
- (a) an exception to disclosure applies under paragraphs (4) or (5); and
 - (b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- (2) A public authority shall apply a presumption in favour of disclosure.
- (3) To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject, the personal data shall not be disclosed otherwise than in accordance with regulation 13.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that—
- (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received;
 - (b) the request for information is manifestly unreasonable;
 - (c) the request for information is formulated in too general a manner and the public authority has complied with regulation 9;
 - (d) the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data; or
 - (e) the request involves the disclosure of internal communications
- 5) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect—
- (a) international relations, defence, national security or public safety;
 - (b) the course of justice, the ability of a person to receive a fair trial or the ability of a public authority to conduct an inquiry of a criminal or disciplinary nature;
 - (c) intellectual property rights;
 - (d) the confidentiality of the proceedings of that or any other public authority where such confidentiality is provided by law;
 - (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest;
 - (f) the interests of the person who provided the information where that person—
 - (i) was not under, and could not have been put under, any legal obligation to supply it to that or any other public authority;
 - (ii) did not supply it in circumstances such that that or any other public authority is entitled apart from these Regulations to disclose it; and
 - (iii) has not consented to its disclosure; or
 - (g) the protection of the environment to which the information relates.

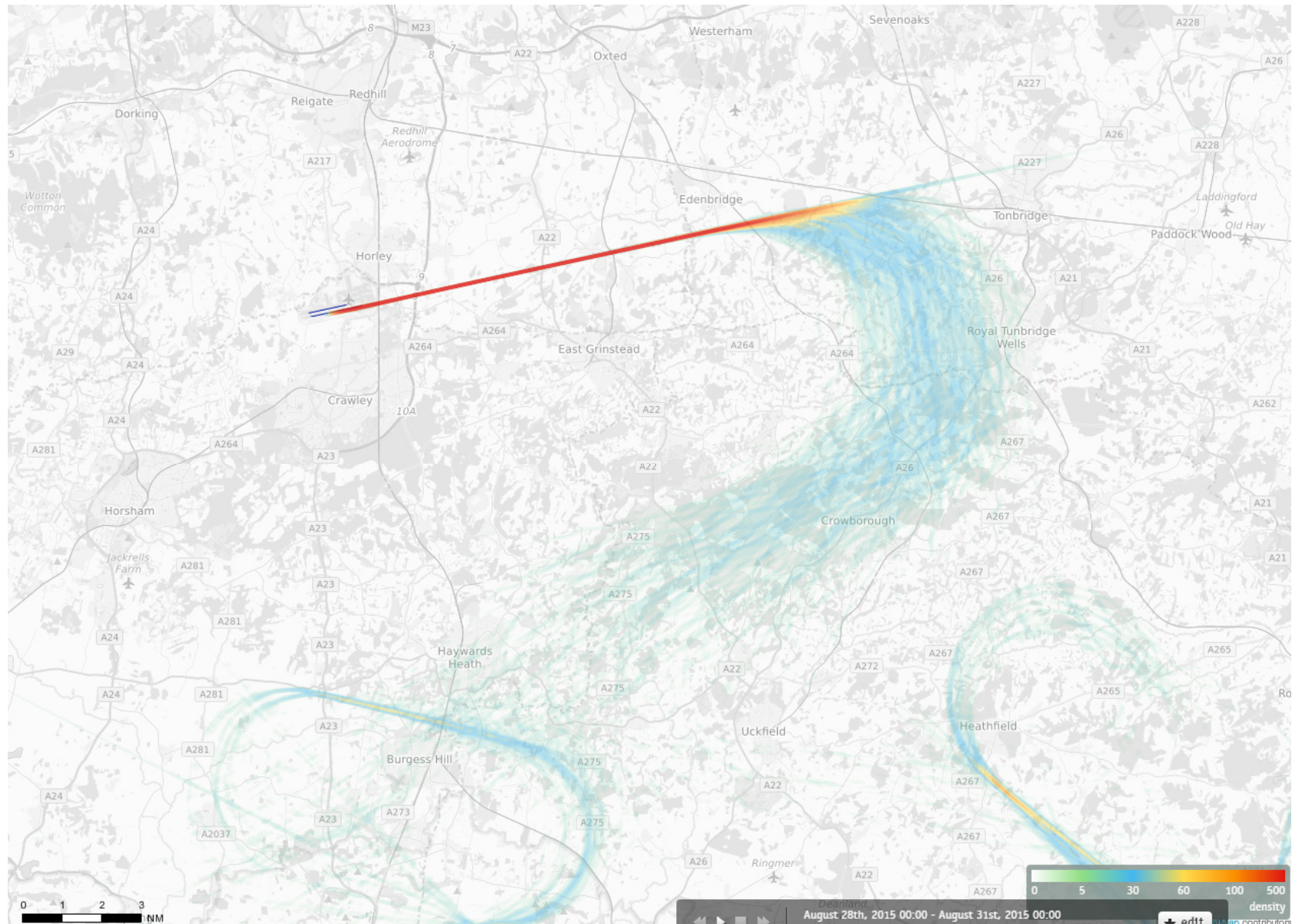
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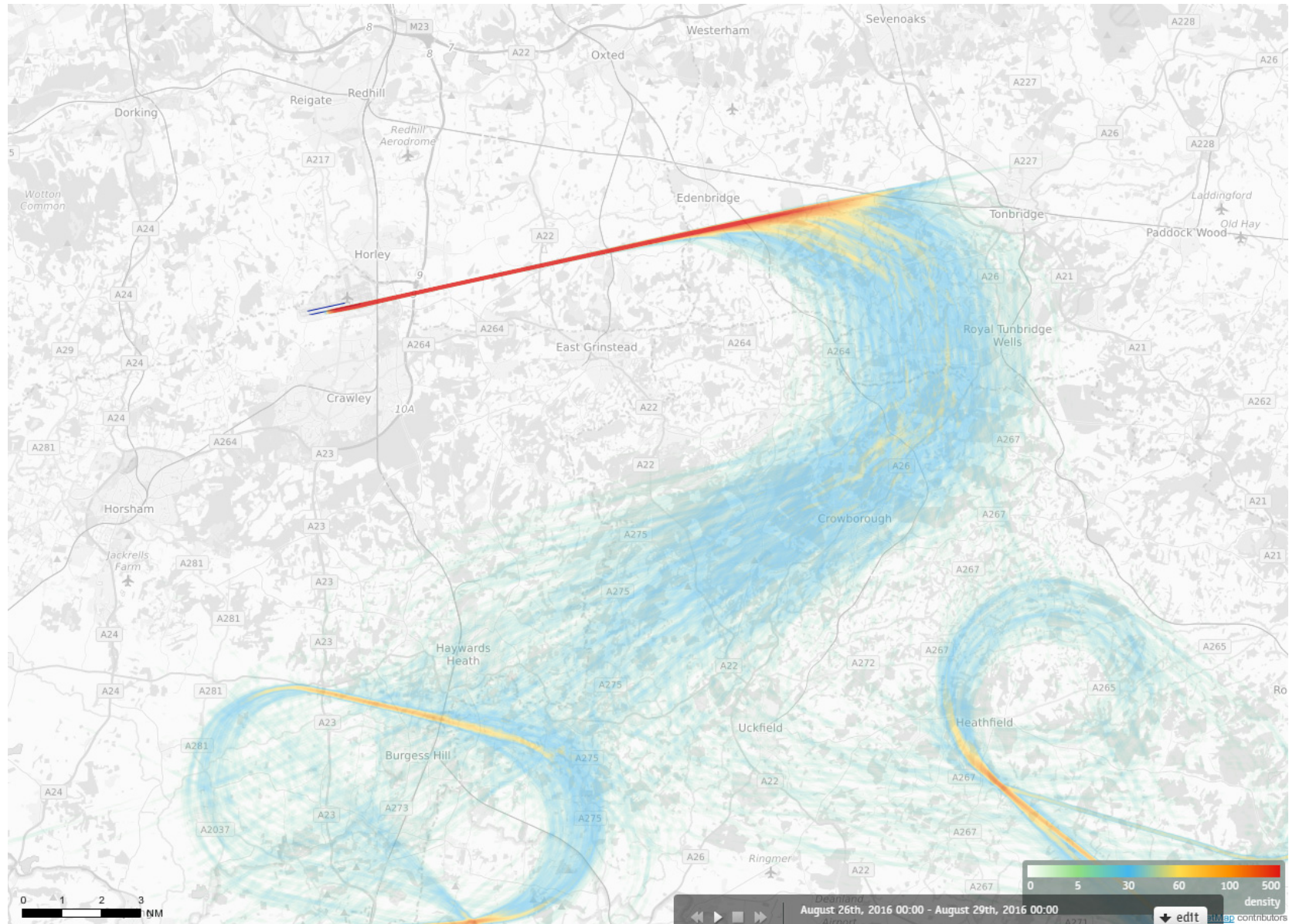
Gatwick westerly arrival track density diagram, 29/08/2014 00:00 – 01/09/2014 00:00



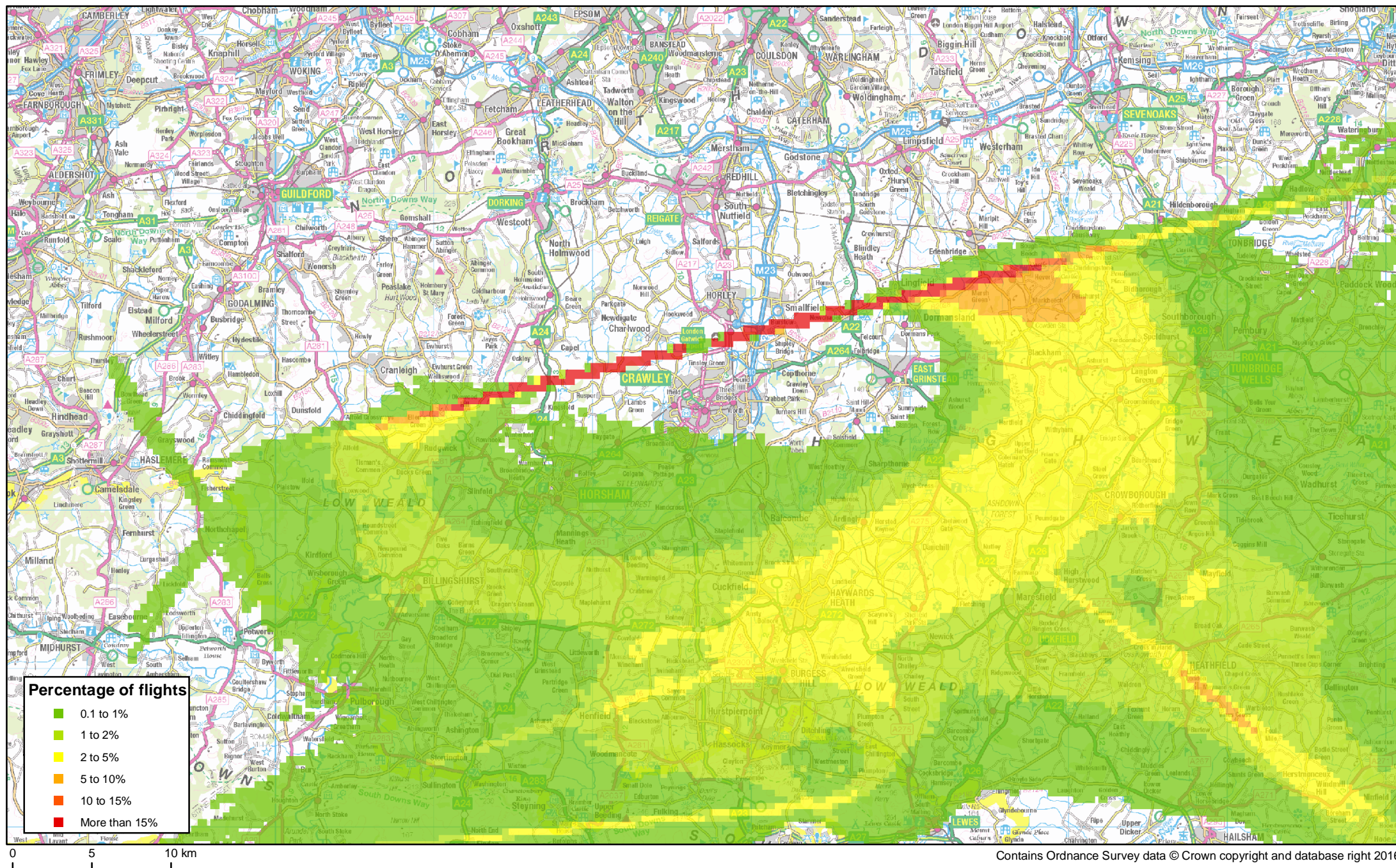
Gatwick westerly arrival track density diagram, 28/08/2015 00:00 – 31/08/2015 00:00



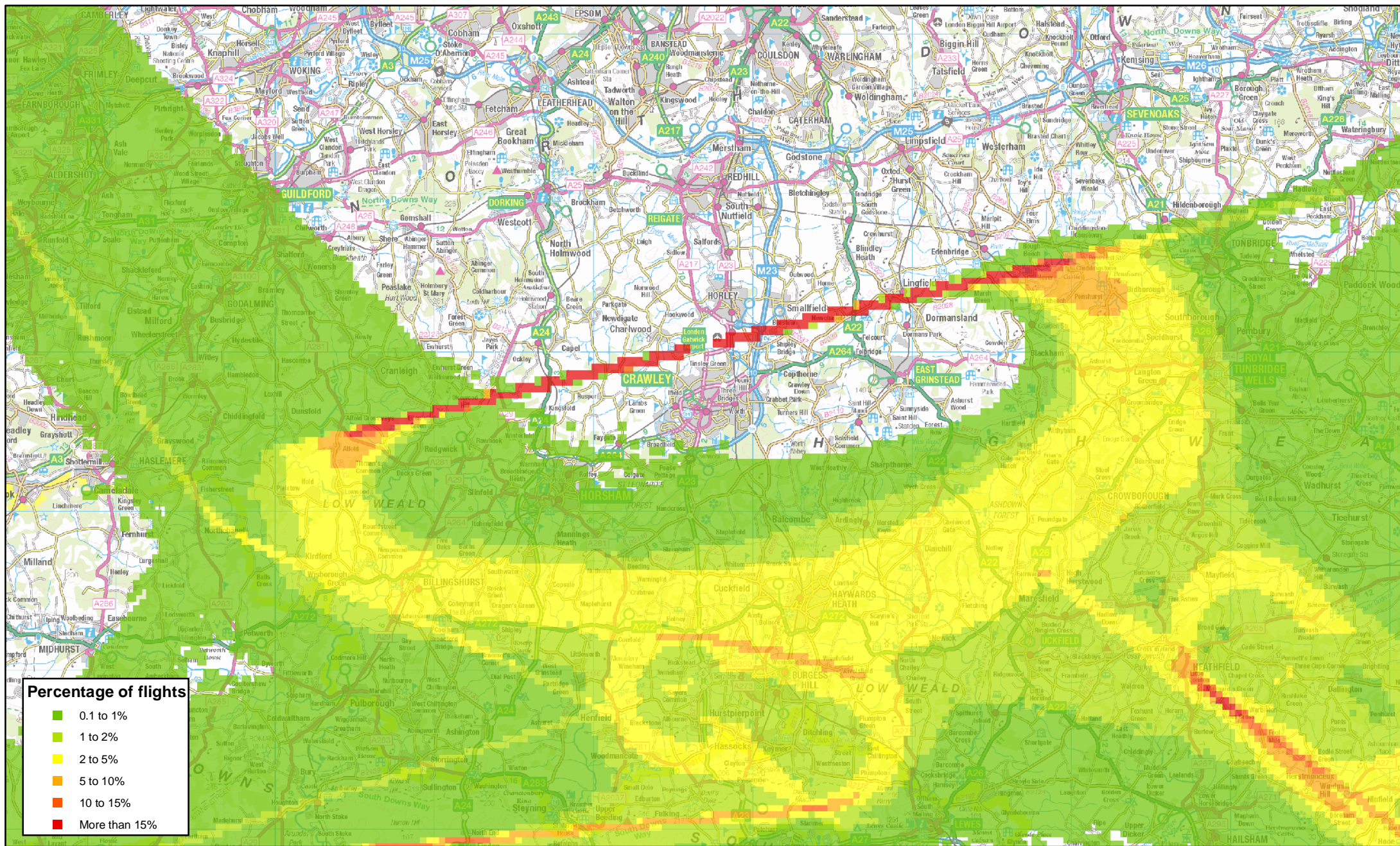
Gatwick westerly arrival track density diagram, 26/08/2016 00:00 – 29/08/2016 00:00



Gatwick arrivals track density diagram, Summer 2010, 16 hr
(heights up to 10,000 ft)

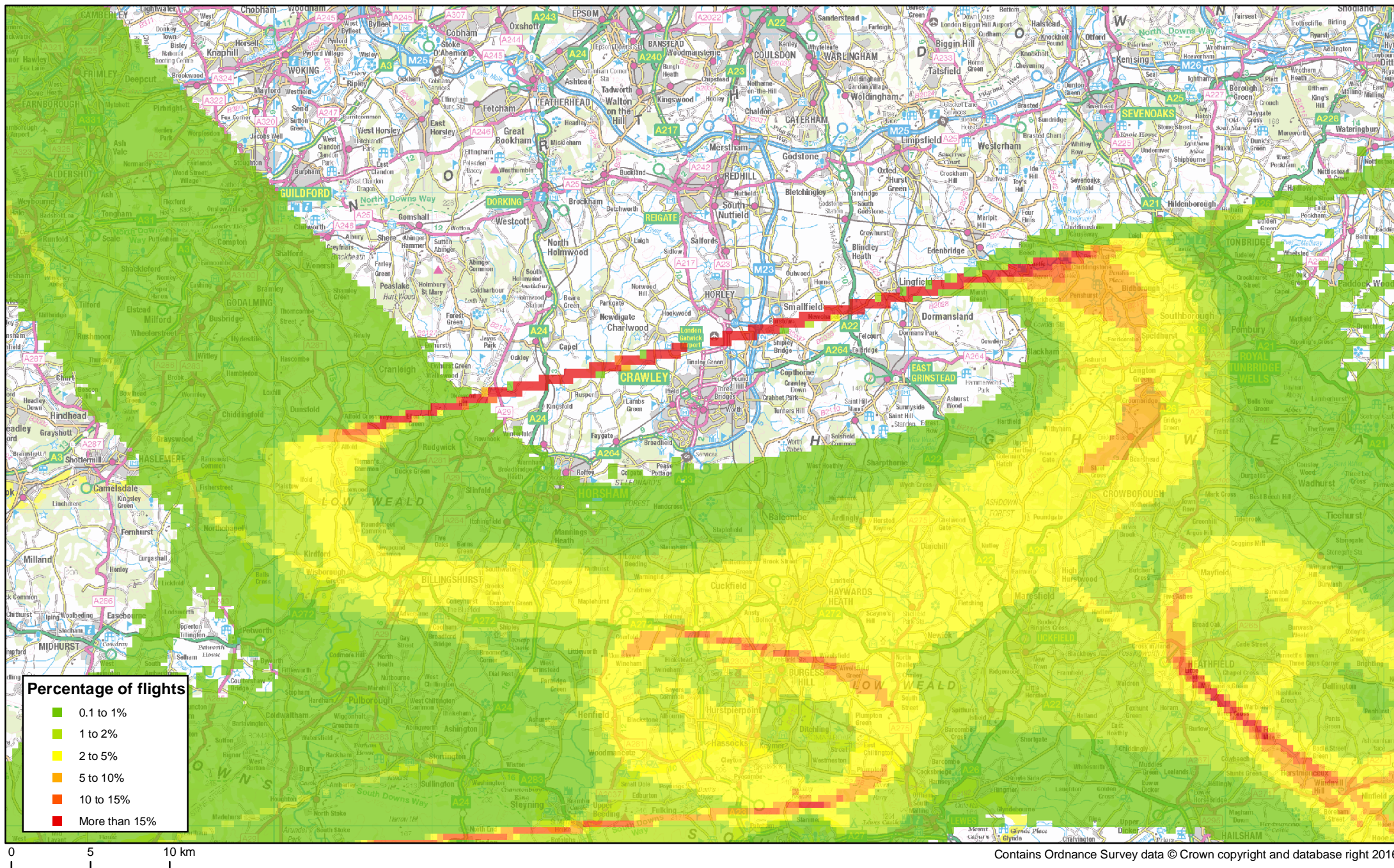


Gatwick arrivals track density diagram, Summer 2014, 24 hr
(heights up to 20,000 ft)



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Gatwick arrivals track density diagram, Summer 2015, 24 hr
(heights up to 20,000 ft)



Gatwick arrivals track density diagram, Summer 2016, 24 hr
(heights up to 20,000 ft)

