1 July 2016
EIR Reference: E0002813

Dear [Name],

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 15 June 2016, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

‘Please may we request under the Freedom of Information Act the following information:

We would like mapping showing the routing of departing aircraft from Gatwick Airport on the Southampton Route to the west for the year of 2010, 2012 and 2014 please.’

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, we note that some of the information requested (for 2012 and 2014) has been provided to you previously in response to EIR request E0002554. We have therefore limited our response for this request to information for 2010 only.

Please refer to attachment 1, where you will find maps for the four month period between 1 June and 30 September 2010. The mapping provided previously in response to EIR request E0002554 is included for information as attachment 2. These maps show the general pattern of Gatwick departure tracks on the easterly and westerly Southampton Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) in the form of track density diagrams, as displayed in the Gatwick Noise and Track Keeping (NTK) system.

Please note it is not possible to query departure tracks for a specific SID prior to April 2013 in the Gatwick NTK system. The diagrams for 2010 (and the previous diagrams for 2012) therefore show the pattern of all Gatwick departures in each runway direction.
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

caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk

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.
1 June to 30 September 2010, Gatwick westerly departures
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1 June to 30 September 2012, Gatwick easterly departures
1 June to 30 September 2013, Gatwick easterly and westerly SAM departures
1 June to 30 September 2014, Gatwick easterly and westerly SAM departures
1 June to 30 September 2015, Gatwick easterly and westerly SAM departures