

[REDACTED]

4 July 2018
EIR Reference: E0003755

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of your recent request, of 9 June 2018, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

Future Flightpath E7A for Edinburgh Airport

*Averages: The Arithmetic mean (already partially provided), the Mode and the Median.
The Standard Deviation : Less understood but useful.*

Additionally, can the information be displayed in graphical form showing the number flights for each hour of the day, for the Mean, Mode and Median

Current FlightPath Information for Edinburgh Airprot - Again for each hour of the day

For the Mean, Mode and Median for the year 2017 show the the number of flights flying over Dalgety Bay, Aberdour, Inverkeithing, and North Queensferry. This should showi travel destinations, that is UK and Eire, and total flights travelling West and East. Again to be clear for each hour of the day.

Our response:

We have considered your request in line with the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). We do not hold the information you have requested, and therefore Regulation 12(4)(a) applies.

As you know, EAL initiated a further round of consultation to provide communities affected by the new proposed Route E7A an opportunity to provide feedback to the sponsor. This supplementary consultation closed on 28 June 2018 and it is now up to EAL, as the sponsor, to collate, analyse and take into account the responses, before deciding whether to submit their formal airspace change proposal to us.

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR www.caa.co.uk

Telephone 01293 768512 foi.requests@caa.co.uk

As EAL has not yet submitted a proposal for Route E7A to us, we do not hold any information of the type you have requested beyond what is published in their consultation material.

Once EAL has submitted their revised proposal to us, it is our responsibility to undertake a detailed 'consultation assessment' during Stage 5 (Regulatory Decision) of the airspace change process. At this stage, we formally assess whether the content of the consultations meets our requirements and review the way in which the consultations have been conducted in order to determine whether or not the required standards were met. We will assess the consultation material and the methodology applied by EAL and review their management of correspondence received from stakeholders during the consultation periods to ensure that its contents have been properly captured and, where appropriate, responded to. We will look closely at the key issues and concerns raised by all stakeholders, how they have been taken into account by the sponsor, and consider any revisions that may have been made to the original proposal. We will also take into account any representations that have been made directly to us.

The detailed analysis that we complete is recorded in a 'consultation assessment' which, alongside the operational and environmental assessments, underpins our final regulatory decision whether or not to approve the change to airspace design requested. We publish these assessments on the airspace change pages of the CAA website.

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
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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Stevens'.

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager

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.