

[REDACTED]

5 July 2018
EIR Reference: E0003788

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of your recent request, of 30 June 2018, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

Please could I request a copy of the flight radar data for February July and August 2017 for Gatwick airport to be released under freedom of information.

Our response:

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

Due to the volume of data, we have made the information available through an external file transfer service. The following weblink can be used to download the Gatwick radar track data, as recorded by the CAA's Noise and Track Keeping (NTK) system, covering February, July and August 2017:

<https://we.tl/b0svWG73FP>

Separate files have been provided for arrivals and departures in each month. For practical reasons the individual files have been zipped into a single file for download. Please note that the weblink will no longer work after 12 July.

The track information is provided in a text file format (with a '.rad' file extension), with TAB characters used to separate the data values. The track header in each case gives relevant details about each flight. 'Opnum' is the unique identifier used by the NTK system for each flight. Below each header, the columns from left to right are X and Y position (OSGB, in metres), Height (in metres above airfield elevation), ground speed (m/s), and time elapsed since the first radar point (in seconds). The X and Y coordinates for the Gatwick data are specified in OSGB36 National Grid eastings and northings, which is the format supplied by the NTK system when tracks are exported.

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR www.caa.co.uk
Telephone 01293 768512 foi.requests@caa.co.uk

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

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.