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20 September 2018
EIR Reference: E0003906

Dear ██████████

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 19 September 2018, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

'If you hold information for only the London airports, please provide that data.

You stated in your response that the data is only held in text-based format. This cannot be the case as the CAA have produced all the maps here:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.heathrow.com_noise_reports-2Dand-2Dstatistics_operational-2Ddata_annual-2Dflight-2Dmaps&d=DwIFaQ&c=ZRCp4zVR6PSEtgc20cBY2PMQsRv3ZpDKe_6lsaOLgBk&r=-b38nR8KdctCTC_OuQvbUK4bnOHUf0zxQ_6e41VAals&m=XownXu6hEn4tU5tarnymFCZnIipebyXK1o3XEjmvkh8&s=NEPa2vVVOluZ4KVyOlhbqDCoEWW8jcKf_WEfzOLXbhE&e=- therefore the data must exist in some kind of GIS/mapping format.

Please provide the GIS files that were used to create these maps.'

Our response:

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The 'Annual flight maps' page on the Heathrow website contains maps for each year between 2013 and 2017. Although the CAA produced the flight maps for years 2013, 2014 and 2015 on behalf of Heathrow, the description at the top of their webpage is not entirely correct, since we did not produce the more recent maps for 2016 or 2017.

The GIS files you have now requested, which contain the samples of flight tracks shown in the annual flight maps for 2013, 2014 and 2015, are too large to send in a single email. However, the following weblink can be used to download the files:

<https://we.tl/t-UdUSXEysCK>

For each year, separate files (in dxf format) are provided for arrivals and departures in each runway direction and are subdivided by height band, as described in the legend of the

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relevant flight map. For reference the coordinates are in OSGB National Grid format (metres).

Additional dxf files that were used to illustrate flight tracks for departures on the westerly DOKEN and easterly Midhurst Trial routes (which took place from 16th December 2013 to 15th June 2014) have also been provided.

For practical reasons the individual files have been zipped into a single file for download. Please note that this weblink will no longer work after 26 September 2018.

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



Jade Fitzgerald
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.