

Motion on Night Flights from Stansted Airport

This Council notes that Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are all Designated Airports. This means that it is the Government which sets the limits on the number of night flights which are permitted. At other Airports the government expects the local Planning Authorities to set the appropriate night-time flight numbers and noise controls.

The Council further notes that the Department for Transport (DfT) is currently running a public Consultation on the possibility of removing Government controls at Stansted Airport. This would mean that night-time flights and noise controls would be solely set and monitored by Uttlesford District Council.

This Council believes that night-time noise from aircraft has an adverse effect on the physical and mental health of people who experience it. Many residents in various parts of East Herts District are affected by this night-time noise, and as a result this Council is vehemently opposed to any possible future increase in the number of night-time flights from Stansted Airport.

East Herts District Council therefore resolves to take part in the Consultation being conducted by the Department for Transport concerning night-time flights from Stansted Airport. It will express support for Option 3, under which the Government's night-time controls would remain in place.

Proposed by Cllr Mione Goldspink.

Seconded by Cllr Chris Wilson.