

Terms of Reference for the Airspace Review (AMENDED)

- The scope of this review, in its initial phase, is Westerly Arrivals into Gatwick. Easterly Arrivals will be covered in a second phase.
- The purpose of this review is to consider, in relation to Westerly Arrivals, whether
 - (a) Everything that can reasonably be done to alleviate the problems which local communities are raising is in fact being done, whether this involves action by the airport or by other parties most closely involved – NATS, CAA, DfT or the airlines; and
 - (b) The approaches which Gatwick has adopted for providing information to the local community and for handling complaints are fully adequate for the task.

In considering the concerns raised by local communities, the Review Team will give particular attention to assessing the feasibility and implications of adopting a policy of “fair and equitable dispersal” which a number of campaign groups have expressed as a priority.

- With the above purpose in mind, the review team should provide proposals for consideration by the parties involved in these matters.
- In carrying out the review, the team should have regard to Government policies as these relate to the issues under consideration.
- Fundamental to the successful conduct of the review is effective liaison with each of the key players involved – Gatwick Airport, NATS, CAA, DfT, Airlines and Community Representatives, as these players all have important information relevant to the review and can contribute ideas for improvement.
- Particular attention should be given to ensuring the involvement of organisations representing the local communities most affected, and communities which may be newly affected by any proposed changes, and to developing effective means of ascertaining the views of these communities more generally
- The target date for completing this initial phase of the review is November 2015, but it is accepted that this end date may need to be moved back depending on the extent of consultation which the review team decides is necessary.