

ANEG meeting - 28th March 2023

(Airspace and Noise Engagement Group)

I was invited to join this mtg with the DfT by the AEF (Aviation Environment Federation, Tim Johnson and Charles Lloyd). Proposal is to attend alternate meetings together with another campaigner (Andy Tate) based in Leeds and representing GALBA and the Leeds Transport Forum.

At the ANEG mtg, there was a broad range of discussion on CAA / DfT activities:

- Document from CAA outlining how ICCAN functions are being addressed by CAA. Broadly attacked by Charles as document does not clarify roles in CAA
- Airspace modernisation - CAA strategy published Jan 2023
- New national aviation noise policy statement - no clarity on KPIs, how they will be measured or who is responsible
- New consultation on night-time noise abatement objectives for designated airports to commence/apply in Oct 2025 - for LHR, LGW and STN only. Designated *noise* airports. Suggested that the Dublin airport noise position is a good reference. Consultation closes 9th May 2023
- Presentation from the National Centre for Social Research on Aviation Night Noise Effects (ANNE) study. DfT commissioned study, to publish in May 2025
- Future of flight - presentation by Dan D'Silva, senior policy advisor, DfT. eVTOL and drone flights.
 - CAP 2505 - effects of eVTOL noise on people; summarising papers at recent conferences (Internoise and Quiet Drones)
 - CAP 2506 - noise measurements from eVTOL aircraft; essentially an immature position at the moment
 - I raised the potential for eVTOL flights at BAL and the impact that may have on communities that up to now have not been overflowed
 - Essentially they are feeling their way in at the moment, to support the fast pace of development in the industry. They are looking for stakeholder engagement through a community integration group. I have asked for the PCAA to be involved.
- Presentation from Charles Lloyd challenging the DfT on: missed policy commitments on noise; proposals to water down noise action plans; weaknesses in airspace modernisation programmes; and the lack of meaningful noise policy in the context of airport expansion
- CAA sustainability team update - noise metrics comparison report to be published at the end of March 2024

The next ANEG mtg is Tuesday 11th July (in person), but Andy Tate will attend that one.