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Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your letter dated 18 May concerning the Gatwick Route 4 Standard Instrument Departure (SID).

The publication of CAP 1531 ([www.caa.co.uk/cap1531](http://www.caa.co.uk/cap1531)), which details our conclusions in respect of the implementation of the modified Route 4 SID, marks the conclusion of the airspace change process. As that is the case, I can confirm that we will not be taking any further action in relation to Route 4 and that there is nothing further that we can add beyond that which is contained in the CAP in terms of the justification for our conclusions.

The Town Council may wish to note that while considering the data collected during the monitoring period which followed the implementation of the modified Route 4, we thought about the possibilities that exist for Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) to continuously improve their noise management performance. We invited GAL to consider whether they would commit to investigating identified areas and they gave their undertaking to do so; these undertakings are contained in Section 10 of CAP 1531. Should GAL determine that further airspace changes are required as a result of their investigations, they will be responsible for developing and progressing their proposal in accordance with the airspace change process.

I would encourage the Town Council to keep abreast of any further developments associated with these undertakings by monitoring the noise pages of the airport's website and by seeking further clarification on their intentions directly from the airport.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Haines**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**