

# HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Sir / Madam

## **Consultation on proposed changes to the Air Navigation Directions and Navigation Guidance – Response from Horley Town Council**

Horley Town Council welcomes the opportunity to make comment on the proposed changes to the Air Navigation Directions and Navigation Guidance.

### **Changes to Altitude Based Priorities:**

The priority for noise impacts should be maintained up to 4,000ft but in addition should be the priority between 4,000ft and 7,000ft. Evidence from residents local to Gatwick is that noise is an annoyance up to 7,000ft.

### **NPRs:**

The presence of published NPRs does give assurance and predictability to the public, those areas which will be affected by noise from relatively low flying aircraft ie below 3,000ft or 4,000ft.

Therefore, we see no reason to de-notify them and with PBN, and therefore more accurate navigation systems in use, we could support a narrowing of the swathe.

We cannot see why airspace re-design cannot retain NPRs as they form part of a SID which presumably will be a procedure retained in the future.

To the proposal that airports publish track keeping information, Gatwick already does this through the quarterly Airspace Office report which is available on their website.

### **3rd Party Consultations:**

We have concerns making LAs more responsible as a conduit in the consultation process, though we are sure many do make their residents aware, particularly town and parish councils. It would also not be a good time for Horley Town Council with Local Government Reorganisation underway in Surrey.

The majority of community groups are very knowledgeable on noise matters so their ability to be fully engaged, along with individual residents, in consultations must be maintained.

One of the main drivers when the current CAP1616 was introduced was to meet the demand and allow more time for interested parties to review and comment on ACPs.

As a general comment, any changes to the Air Navigation Orders must not result in a worsening of the noise environment currently experienced by our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to make our comments and hope these will be considered and addressed as part of the consultation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Walsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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