

Just about nowhere to land in London at night this summer

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Jet noise! It seems that Londoners are sick of it. Corporate operators watch out; London basin airports of EGGW/Luton, EGSS/Stansted, EGKK/Gatwick, EGLL/Heathrow, EGKB/Biggin Hill, EGWU/Northolt, EGLF/Farnborough and EGTK/Oxford airports are now effectively closed or restricted for overnight flights.

EGGW/Luton is the biggest hit with a curfew this summer: from 1 June to 30 September, arrivals/departures will be prohibited between 23-7 local time each night.

Over at **EGSS/Stansted**, where local authorities have already reduced the number of night-time slots for GA/BA to just 10 per week, new noise restrictions have also been introduced which mean that aircraft rated above QC1 are unlikely to receive slot approval at all during the night period:

Aircraft Type	QC rating Arrival	QC rating Departure	Arrive or Depart
EC155(Helicopter)	QC 0.5	QC 0.5	Limited slot availability during the night quota period
Bombardier Global Express	QC 0	QC 0.25	Limited slot availability during the night quota period
Falcon 7X	QC 0	QC 0.25	Limited slot availability during the night quota period
Gulfstream 650	QC 0	QC 0	Limited slot availability during the night quota period
Gulfstream 5/550	QC 0	0.25	Limited slot availability during the night quota period
Airbus 318/319/320/321	QC0.5	QC1	Limited slot availability during the night quota period
BBJ 1/2/3	QC0.5/QC1	QC0.5/QC1/QC2	Limited slot availability to arrive during the night quota period Cannot depart during the night period
B757	QC0.25/QC0.5/QC1	QC0.5/QC1/QC2	Limited slot availability to arrive during the night quota period Cannot depart during the night quota period
B767	QC0.5/QC0.1	QC0.5/QC1/QC2	Limited slot availability to arrive during the night quota period Cannot depart during the night quota period
B787	QC0.25/QC0.5/QC1	QC0.25/QC0.5/QC1	Limited slot availability during the night quota period

Who's to blame?

Local airlines, mainly the low-cost ones. Late arrivals have used up much of the cumulative noise footprint at both airports.

So, what's left?

- **EGMC/Southend** (40 miles away) & **EGBB/Birmingham** (115 miles away) are the **only** airports with **no restrictions** (thus far).
- **EGLL/Heathrow & EGGK/Gatwick**: Pretty much a no-go zone for business aviation these days
- **EGLC/London City**: closed from 1030pm to 0630am
- **EGWU/Northolt**: closed from 8pm to 8am on weekdays
- **EGLF/Farnborough**: closed from 10pm to 7am on weekdays
- **EGKB/Biggin Hill**: closed from 11pm to 6.30am on weekdays, and 10pm to 8am on weekends

Who's most affected?

Transatlantic crossings that plan to arrive in London late at night (after a morning departure from the US) or late-night London departures. Plan ahead and speak with your FBO so you don't get stuck in a **noisy** bind.

Extra Reading:

- Noise complaints hit record high at Luton Airport but same five people make half of them

EGGW/London Luton to close for 27 nights

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EGGW/Luton will be closed for 27 nights from **0000L to 0530L daily**, starting Monday, November 6th and ending the morning of Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 for runway resurfacing.

So, late night and early morning arrivals and departures won't be possible.

Standard operations will be practiced outside of these hours, with little to no disruption expected during daytime.