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Dear all,

Noise restriction measures commencing Summer 23

Each year I write to you advising of the measures which are in place to ensure compliance with our permitted night noise contour limit. Operational restrictions have been in place since 2014 and strict compliance has been required at all times, but this is now under additional scrutiny following a breach of the noise contour limit. Last year a public enquiry was held regarding the application to increase the size of the contours and we are still awaiting an outcome on the application from the Secretary of State.

Unfortunately it is unlikely we will receive this outcome before the summer 2023 season and therefore we will need to maintain the existing restrictions for S23, these were also communicated at the S23 coordination committee on the 23rd September 2022. In order to ensure compliance with these restrictions, the following measures will be in place for this Summer and every subsequent Summer until further notice;

- No ad hoc movements will be permitted including Commercial, GA and Maintenance between 2200-0559 GMT 1st June – 30th September.
- No further night slots to be allocated to series flights 2200-0559 GMT 1st June – 30th September.
- No re-scheduling of existing allocated slots from the day time 0600-2159 GMT into the night time 2200-0559 GMT 1st June – 30th September.
- No aircraft with a value greater than QC1 will be permitted to operate in the night-time period.
- No new slot applications with an aircraft QC value greater than 0.5 will be permitted between 2200 – 0559 GMT.
- Operators should make every effort to reduce their QC usage to that used in Summer 2022.

In addition to these measures, we will also be monitoring all aircraft that are scheduled to operate during the daytime (0600-21:59 GMT) period but instead are operating during the night time period (2200 – 0559 GMT). We will monitor any delays of this nature from 26th March-6th May 2023, and should there be excessive delays into the night period we will have

no choice but to enforce a night time curfew with effect from 1st June 2023. If implemented, this curfew would mean that only scheduled night time flights will be able to operate during the night time period. Operators should, therefore, ensure that all movements operate on time during Summer 2023. We will communicate with operators by 19th May 2023 whether a curfew is needed.

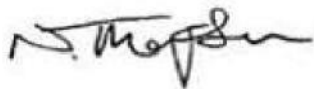
We will be reviewing these restrictions throughout the summer period and if we can relax any of these restrictions, we will inform you at the earliest opportunity.

We encourage operators to use the lowest QC aircraft available to them during the period 1 June – 30 September as this may allow us to lift some restrictions. The Flight Operations team will be scheduling monthly meetings with each operator to discuss QC usage and any scheduling issues which may arise during the season.

It is with regret that we must continue to apply these restrictions and understand that this may limit some operators' flexibility. However we must work within the legal limits that have been attached to our planning approval since 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the restrictions, please contact the Flight Operations team on flightops@ltn.aero

Yours sincerely

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

Neil Thompson
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