



## North West Leeds Transport Forum

# MORE NIGHT FLIGHTS MORE NOISE AT NIGHT

**Did you know that Leeds Bradford Airport is seeking permission for**

- no limit on the number of late night and early morning flights,
- noisier planes to be allowed to take off between 11.30pm and 6am,
- up to 20 Airbus 320s between 11.30pm and 6am every summer night,
- and late-running planes to be allowed to land up to 1am?

They ask for this in their current planning application to Leeds City Council.

The Airport is keen on more night time flights to benefit the airlines – not passengers or local people. Their consultants assume that, if the permission is granted, night time flights will immediately increase – well in advance of any new terminal.

## **This could be stopped if enough people object**

For more details and how you can object, please see next pages. Check out the map to see how much your sleep may be affected!



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# The Noise Implications of Leeds Bradford Airport's Proposals

Leeds Bradford Airport's Environmental Impact Statement makes it clear that the Airport intends to take advantage of the proposed relaxation of restrictions on night flying "immediately upon grant of the planning permission" [Paragraph 3.8.16]. But nowhere in the Application is there any commitment to build a new terminal!

When it comes to relaxing the present restrictions on night flying, they want to:

- abolish the existing restrictions on flights in the "shoulder" periods between 6am and 7am and between 11pm and 11.30pm (page 8 of Appendix 10.7),
- allow noisier planes to take-off between 11.30pm and 6am (page 9 of Appendix 10.7 indicates that planes with a noise "quota count" of up to 1.0 will be allowed to take-off during this period – the current limit is 0.5, thus the maximum certified noise allowed on take-off goes up from 89.9dB to 92.9 dB),

- allow planes to land up until 1 am. if they are up to 90 minutes behind schedule (page 9 of Appendix 10.7), and
- abolish the existing cap on the number of noisy flights (87dB or above) between 11pm and 7am (see page 8 of Appendix 10.7),

Although they are offering to operate an annual noise quota scheme which would limit the amount of noise emitted between 11.30pm and 6am, they are proposing that it be set at 1375 (page 9 of Appendix 10.7) which would allow the equivalent of 20 flights (10 landings and 10 take-offs) by Airbus 320s between 11.30pm and 6am every night during the 6 months of summer.

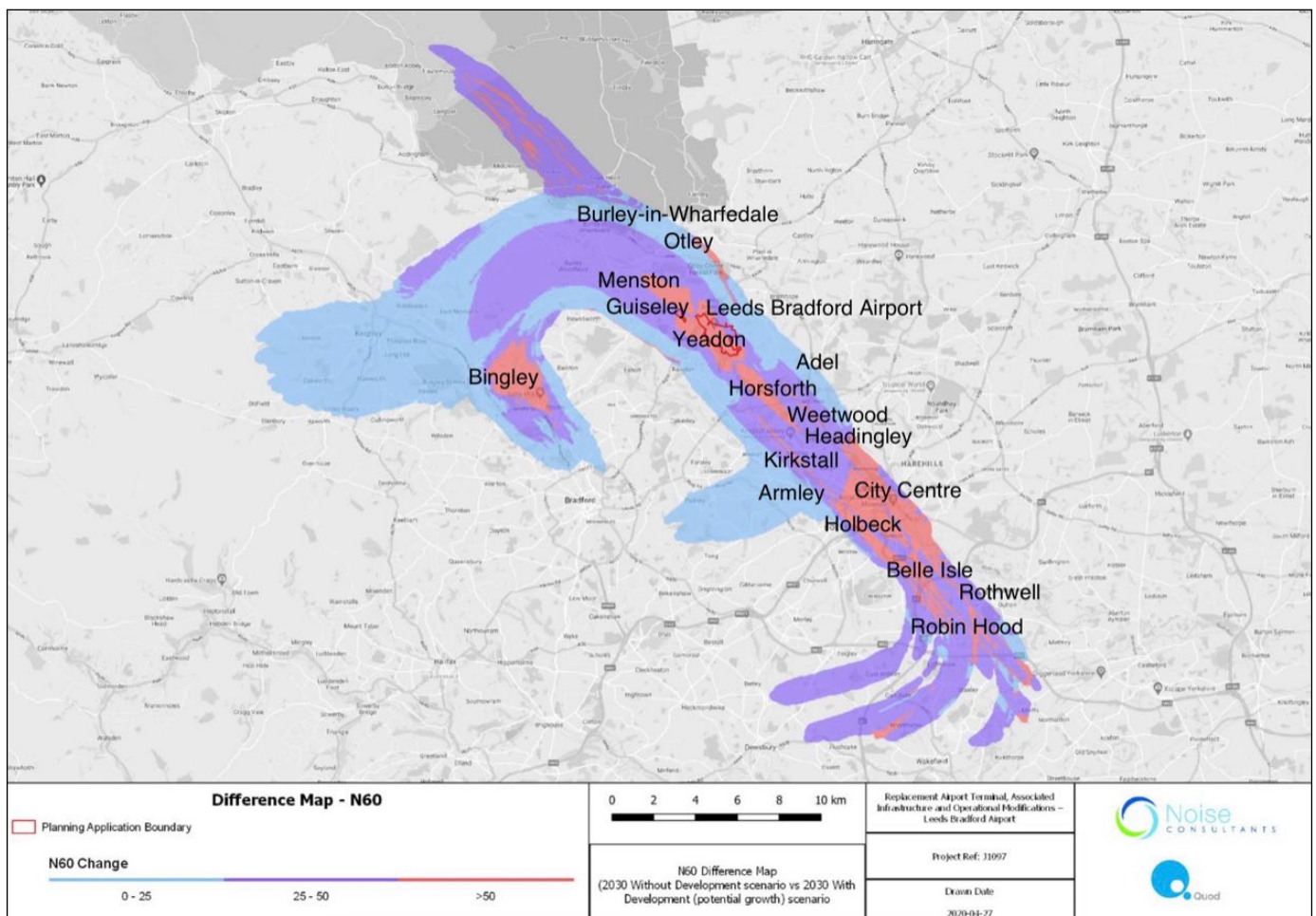
Unsurprisingly, Leeds Bradford Airport's consultants also indicate that the consequent increase in noise will have adverse impacts on the health of people living under the flight path. (Human Health Chapter).

This summary is based on a paper by Peter Bonsall, Emeritus Professor of Transport Planning at the University of Leeds. [Read more here](#)



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Check out how well you may sleep  
on the map here



The **red**, **purple** and **blue** colours show how many **EXTRA** flights will be loud enough to disturb sleep on an average summer night over areas of Leeds if the development goes ahead. It is based on the applicants' optimistic assumption that airlines will be using quieter planes so could be worse than shown.



**Object  
Now**

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**Please submit an objection to these proposals.  
You can do this in three ways:**

### **Online**

Go to the Leeds City Council  
Planning website...

<https://publicaccess.leeds.gov.uk/online-applications/>

...and enter the planning  
reference **20/02559/FU** in  
the appropriate box. You  
need to register to submit a  
comment, but it's easy to do.

### **Email**

Email your objection to...

[planning@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:planning@leeds.gov.uk)

Please include your full  
name and the reference  
number **20/02559/FU**

### **Letter**

Post your objection to...

Planning Services,  
Leeds City Council,  
Merrion House,  
110 Merrion Centre,  
Leeds, LS2 8BB.

Please include your full  
name and the reference  
number **20/02559/FU**

## NUMBERS COUNT

Don't worry if you don't have the time to submit a detailed objection. Numbers count! So your objection will be worthwhile even if you give a brief reason (such as "because of the increase in aircraft noise", "because of the damage to the environment"). Numbers count!

**Please note that the deadline for comments  
has changed to Tuesday July 7th**

For more information go to: [www.nwlftf.org.uk](http://www.nwlftf.org.uk)  
or to the website of GALBA (Group for Action  
on Leeds Bradford Airport): [www.galba.uk](http://www.galba.uk)

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