

Circular From West Park Residents Association

Leeds Bradford Airport – Some Good News!

On Thursday, 30-05-2019, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) announced that it had refused Leeds Bradford Airport's proposals to alter flight patterns. The CAA gave the following reasons:

- The justifications for the changes were presented ambiguously and were difficult to comprehend.
- The Operators and Owners of all classes of aircraft who participated in the consultation did not have their concerns, which were raised in the consultation process, conscientiously considered and mitigated adequately.
- Consultations should be informative and provide enough information for those participating to understand the issues. The diagrams presented in some of the submitted documents do not accurately portray the impact of the change to the communities involved.

The CAA gives the background to its decision in [this document](#).

Thank you to North West Leeds Transport Forum and its other constituent resident groups for their efforts in helping to achieve this outcome.

The Community Campaign about Lawnswood Roundabout

Lobbying by the Lawnswood Roundabout Community Group who have expressed concerns about proposals to replace the roundabout with a 6-lane traffic junction has been effective.

Alex Sobel the MP for Leeds North West recently met with Councillor Lisa Mulherin, the new executive member for Climate Change and Transport. As a result of the meeting Councillor Mulherin asked Highways Officers to scrap the original proposals and redraw the plans. The intention is that plans will go back to the public before any final decision is made.

This should allow local concerns regarding pollution and road safety to be re-examined and subject to local scrutiny. However it is still not clear how changes at Lawnswood will benefit traffic movements and reduce congestion along the A660 Otley Road.

The Lawnswood Roundabout Community Group remains active and vigilant. For more information, the link to their discussion is '[Save the 49 Trees Near Lawnswood Roundabout](#)'.

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