

Future of Aviation Noise Management – Case for Change explanatory note

Purpose of the Case for Change documents

For each of the key policy areas identified by ICCAN, we wanted to build the evidence on what the existing issues are, describe how they are addressed under the current aviation noise management framework, and outline what opportunities there might be to improve this in future.

We developed these documents by synthesising ICCAN's previous publications, views from previous stakeholder engagement, further desktop research and expert opinion.

We have set out key and current issues on some very complex topics. This is not intended to be exhaustive, but to outline the nature of the current challenges and highlight opportunities for improvement. We have used these to help us determine the most effective level of intervention and to clarify the role for ICCAN in the future.

Where ICCAN has already focused on and delivered work, these Case for Change documents embody our accumulated knowledge. This covers key policy areas such as noise metrics and measurement, health evidence, insulation and consultation and engagement. For other areas, the Case for Change documents reflect our growing understanding of these complex topics and will serve as the foundation on which we deliver work in the future.

We have structured the case for change documents with a broad plain-English summary followed by a supplementary section with further technical details.

Each document follows the following format:

Introduction

Summary

A brief summary of the policy area: the background, the main issues surrounding it and suggestions for improvement.

Key issues

For each of the most significant issues identified, these subsections describe in simple terms the main concerns and suggestions for improvements.

Supplementary information

Key issues

This more detailed section addresses the same key issues from the introductory section but describes in greater detail the points of concern, how these areas are currently approached in the UK and the limitations of this approach. It goes on to suggest opportunities for improvements in this policy area and the possible challenges in implementing these. Where possible, this is followed by relevant examples from other policy areas or industries or from aviation examples in other countries. This is followed by a brief assessment of how this might be applied to UK aviation.

Appendices

Finally, details of relevant legislation and other policy tools are outlined in the appendices, together with a full reference list.

We have also published a separate [glossary](#) of terms and abbreviations with brief explanations to aid understanding.