



ICCAN: Land Use Planning

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What's the problem.....???

- Effective Land Use Planning protects the areas around airports that are affected by higher levels of aircraft noise from inappropriate noise sensitive development, particularly residential development.
- **Population Encroachment**
 - In recent years, where noise contours have shrunk, land has become available for noise sensitive development that previously would not have been permitted.
 - This creates a risk of population encroachment in noise sensitive areas around airports which dilutes the noise improvements that have been achieved by the industry.



ICAO's Balanced Approach for Noise: land use planning and management.

- **Planning Instruments:** Comprehensive planning, noise zoning, subdivision regulations, transfer of development rights and land and property acquisition
- **Mitigation Instruments:** Building regulations, sound insulation grant schemes, land acquisition and relocation, transaction assistance, local property searches, physical mitigation measures
- **Financial Instruments:** Capital improvements, tax incentives, noise-related charges that assist in funding for mitigation and community initiatives



Planning and land use: areas of activity

Airspace change
decision-making between
airports and surrounding local
authorities

***Reduce the impacts on
communities***

The development of land uses
that are compatible with airports
and aircraft noise

Informed decision making



UK planning system

Both national and local level planning policy influence decisions relating to airport development and noise sensitive development around airports, including:

- Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (97/11/EC)
- National Policy – Aviation Policy Framework
- EU Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC) – Noise Action Plans
- National Planning Acts e.g. Town & Country Planning Act in England
- Nation Planning Policy e.g. National Planning in Policy in England



Planning regime for Wales

Legislative Framework: Town and Country Planning Act 1990; Planning Act 2008; and Planning (Wales) Act 2015

National: Planning Policy Wales; Technical Advice Notes; National Development Framework.

Regional: No statutory regional planning in Wales at present. However Welsh Government can identify Strategic Planning Areas

Noise Policy: Noise and Soundscape Action Plan for Wales

Noise Planning Guidance: Technical advice note (TAN) 11: noise

Policy Approach: A strong commitment to outcomes at a national level i.e. Well-being of Future Generations Act, Public Service Boards etc



Planning regime for Scotland

Legislative Framework: Town and Country Planning Act 1997 and Planning Act Scotland 2019

National: National Planning Framework for Scotland; Planning Advice Notes, Planning Circulars, Guides and Letters from the Chief Planner.

Regional: Strategic Development Plans in four regions.

Noise Policy: Transportation Noise Action Plan

Noise Planning Guidance: [Planning Advice Note \(PAN\) 1/2011](#)

Policy Approach: The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act (2015) embeds the outcomes approach in legislation at both the Scotland-wide and local levels.



Planning regime for Northern Ireland

Legislative Framework: Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

National: Regional Development Strategy 2035; Strategic Planning Policy Statement

Regional: N/A

Noise Policy: Noise Policy Statement for Northern Ireland

Noise Planning Guidance: Strategic Planning Policy Statement

Policy Approach: Gridlock at Stormont remains, but there is leadership level commitment to the outcomes based approach.



Planning regime for England

Legislative Framework: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning Act 2008

National: National Planning Policy Framework; Planning Practice Guidance

Regional: 10 combined authorities across England

Noise Policy: Noise Policy Statement for England

Noise Planning Guidance: Planning Practice Guidance: Noise

Policy Approach: Focus on targets remains in most policy areas.



Planning and land use: themes across the UK

- The problem is the same but the approach across the UK is different
- Evolving legislation and policy
- Balancing the benefits and disbenefits of airport operations across local authorities
- Pressures on local authorities (housing, economics, growth etc)
- Multi-stakeholder approach required with planners, environmental health officers in local government, devolved administrations, DfT, DEFRA, MHCLG.



Planning and land use: engagement so far

- Chief Planners in the devolved housing departments and local authorities across the home nations
- Local government associations in England, Scotland and Wales
- Academics
- Royal Town and Country Planning Institute and Town and Country Planning Association



Planning and land use: areas of interest

- Strategic/regional approach
- Local development plans
- Best practice and templates
- Building regulations and standards
- Wider regulation
- Collaboration and partnership

Questions

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