



Regulation project: initial discussion

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Aims of this session

To test our initial thinking on:

- what the regulation project will aim to achieve
- how we will approach the work
- project timelines.

Questions for the Board:

1. Are these the right objectives for the project?
2. Is this the right approach to the work and is there anything else we should consider?



What the project will aim to achieve

This work will aim to:

1. review existing regulatory powers and enforcement mechanisms in the area of aviation noise
2. determine what further regulation might be necessary and appropriate in the future
3. make recommendations to the Government on which public bodies are best placed to provide any further regulation and enforcement.

Questions:

1. Are these the right objectives?



How we will approach the work

To achieve our objectives, the project will seek to answer the following key question through a staged approach:

What is the appropriate model for regulating aviation noise in the UK and what role could ICCAN have within this?



Questions:

1. Do you agree with this key question?
2. Is this the right broad approach and is there anything else we should consider?



Stage 1a: identifying what regulation already occurs

We will conduct research and stakeholder engagement to understand what regulation already occurs within the UK. This will focus on key issues and build on existing projects, including:

- noise monitoring and data availability/application (**noise metrics**)
- local planning (**land use planning**)
- mitigation and compensation, including the use of financial instruments (**land use planning, insulation**)
- operational management of airlines and airports
- consultation and engagement on airspace changes and airport expansion (**best practice on consultation and engagement**).

Questions:

1. Are there any other issues that we should consider?
2. Which stakeholders should we engage with?



Stage 1b: establishing the need for greater regulation

To establish whether there is a case for greater regulation in these areas, we will need to consider:

1. Are the key issues significant enough to warrant greater intervention?
2. Do the benefits of greater regulation outweigh the costs to government and industry, in terms of:
 - a) financial cost
 - b) diverting resources away from other areas
 - c) administrative and time burden of regulatory activities?

Questions:

1. Are there any other issues that we should consider?
2. How much emphasis should we place on establishing the need for greater regulation?

2. Understanding how regulation occurs in other areas

We will review how other organisations approach regulation and enforcement, such as:

- international regulators for aviation noise
- UK regulators in other industries (e.g. rail, shipping, highways, utilities)
- The hypothetical independent aviation noise authority (as described in the Airports Commission 2015 report).

We will compare their approach across a set of key elements, such as:



Other elements will be identified using existing evidence on the principles of good regulation and management of aviation noise (e.g. ICAO’s Balanced Approach, World Bank, BIS, and Better Regulation Taskforce)



3. Determining an appropriate model for the regulation of aviation noise in the UK

We will use the evidence from the first two stages to determine what an appropriate model for regulation might be for the UK. As part of this, we will need to consider:

- what further regulatory and enforcement powers would be appropriate
- which public bodies would be best placed to oversee regulation and enforcement (including what ICCAN's role would be within this)
- the costs to government and industry. This could be estimated through:
 - cost comparisons with other similar regulatory models
 - cost estimates for the organisational structure required
 - Time and cost estimates for the regulatory activities undertaken by industry.

Question:

1. What other aspects of the regulatory model should we consider?

Project timelines

The project will work to these high level timelines:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Detailed scoping	█								
Stage 1	█	█							
Stage 2			█	█					
Stage 3				█	█	█			
External sense-check						█			
Draft report						█	█		
Internal review							█		
External QA (if needed)								█	
Report finalisation								█	█
Make recommendations to Government									█

