

By email

Sir Roy McNulty, Deputy Chairman
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Dear Sir Roy, dear Stewart

THE NOISE MANAGEMENT BOARD

We are writing to tell you that we have lost confidence in the ability of the Noise Management Board, as currently constituted and led, to deliver positive and timely change in the noise environment around Gatwick. Following a series of unsatisfactory meetings, at which negligible progress was made on the issues that matter most to local communities, we no longer consider the NMB is achieving the vision set out in the Arrivals Review that *“everything that can reasonably be done to alleviate the problems which local communities are facing is in fact being done”*.

We remain committed to the concept of a Noise Management Board but we believe changes to the Board’s terms of reference and leadership are now needed if it is to deliver that vision effectively. We have a number of proposals that we are confident would strengthen the ability of the Board to achieve meaningful noise improvements in a fair, balanced and timely way.

We are aware that the latest NMB launched a process through which the Board’s performance would be reviewed and changes (to take effect a year from now) would be considered. But change is needed more urgently; we are no longer able to support a Board that is not achieving the purpose to which we all subscribed when it was created.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this letter and our proposals with you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



for

Martin Barraud, Chair, Gatwick Obviously Not
Dr. Irene Fairbairn, Chair, Tunbridge Wells Anti-Aircraft Noise Group
Atholl Forbes, Chair, People against Gatwick Noise and Emissions
Ian Hare, Chair, Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group
Charles Lloyd, Gatwick Obviously Not
Dominic Nevill, Chair, East Sussex Communities for the Control of Air Noise
Sally Pavey, Chair, Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions
Richard Streatfeild, Chair, High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group
Mike Ward, Chair, Plane Wrong

cc:

Baroness Sugg CBE
Gatwick area Members of Parliament
Members of the Noise Management Board