

## **PAGNE to meet the new Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN)**

Together with other Community Noise Groups, PAGNE are to meet the new Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) on 8th May. ICCAN was set up in January of this year to "*act as a credible and authoritative voice on civil aviation noise issues*". It now has four Commissioners and is in the process of engaging with communities, the industry and other bodies to understand the current debates and issues around aviation noise, and will then publish a first programme of activity. Our understanding is that it's unlikely that ICCAN will get involved in airport specific issues unless asked to by government, for example to break a deadlock, but it may well be looking at some of the issues we've previously highlighted such as growth v noise and night flights.

Currently, ICCAN has no statutory powers, but its creation is an important, if tentative first step, towards the creation of an effective regulatory regime for the aviation industry and we look forward to sharing our key issues in relation to Gatwick noise impacts and hearing from ICCAN how they can potentially support us in our on-going efforts.