

16th October 2018
North West Leeds transport Forum (NWLTF)

Airspace Regulator (Coordination) Airspace,
ATM and Aerodromes Safety and Airspace Regulation Group
CAA House
45-59 Kingsway
London WC2B 6TE

Leeds Bradford Airport Airspace change

Sirs,

We would like to submit a late objection to the proposed modification of the airspace at Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA).

To introduce ourselves, we chair the North West Leeds Transport Forum which represents a number of Residents Associations along the A660 Corridor in Leeds. Further details can be found on our website (<https://www.nwltf.org.uk/index.php>).

We are aware that the formal period of consultation ended at the end of December 2017 and regret that we did not make a formal representation at the time. The reasons for the lateness of our objection are related to two of the grounds for the objection – namely (1) the inadequacy of the consultation and (2) the fact that, following misleading assurances provided by LBA, we did not seek to engage with the consultation during 2017. It was only after summer 2018, when there was increased concern about aircraft noise over West Park, Beckett Park and Headingley, that people in our area began seriously to engage with the topic and realized that there were proposals in the pipeline which, despite the assurances previously referred to, would lead to increased aircraft noise over this area.

We trust that, for these reasons and despite its lateness, this objection will be considered by CAA in its deliberation on the proposed airspace modification. We note, in this context, that paragraph 16 of the Introduction to the CAA's Guidance on the Application of the Airspace Change Process (CAP725) indicates that objections can come at any time prior to the Regulatory Decision.

We have copied this letter and objection to the Consultation Team at LBA.

Yours

Co-chairs NWLTF