

Press Statement, 10 June 2020

People in North West Leeds say “no” to plans for more late night flying at Leeds Bradford airport.

In a survey completed by more than 300 people from North West Leeds, 78% opposed the planning application from Leeds Bradford airport to increase flights late at night and early in the morning.

The survey was conducted on-line by the North West Leeds Transport Forum over the past three weeks. Most of the 305 people who completed the survey live in Leeds 6 or Leeds 16. The survey asked about their experience of aircraft noise at a time when there are no passenger flights because of the Covid crisis.

Over half the respondents said that their sleep was disturbed last year when flights from Leeds Bradford were at normal levels. They also complained that aircraft noise during the day spoiled their enjoyment of their gardens and public open space.

Over half the respondents had flown from Leeds Bradford airport in 2019, but a majority of airport users said that the airport was big enough, and opposed the plans to expand the airport.

The survey clearly shows that people whose lives would be affected by more night time flying, strongly oppose proposals which would make life less bearable for them.

The outcome of the survey is in line with the number of people from Leeds who have submitted objections on the Leeds City Council website to the planning application.

Notes for editors:

The North West Leeds Transport Forum, founded in 2012, is made up of the following ten residents' associations representing people in North West Leeds from Little Woodhouse to West Park who live on or near the current flight paths:

Beckett's Park Residents Association,
Drummond and Churchwood Residents Association,
Far Headingley Village Society
Foxhill Residents Association
Friends of Beckett Park
Little Woodhouse Community Association
North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
Turnways and Laurel Bank Residents Association
Weetwood Residents Association
West Park Residents Association.

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The full details of the survey outcome are attached.

North West Leeds Transport Forum Aircraft Noise in North West Leeds

Summary of 305 responses received at June 7th 2020

17 people who gave a non-LS
postcode or no postcode have been
excluded from this analysis

1. Compared to this time last year, have you noticed a reduction in the number of aircraft in the skies over Leeds?

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	156	93%	134	98%	290	95%
<input type="radio"/> No (please go to question 3)	12	7%	3	2%	15	5%

2. What is your opinion of the effect of this reduction?

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="radio"/> I prefer it a lot	96	61%	104	79%	200	69%
<input type="radio"/> I prefer it	16	10%	16	12%	32	11%
<input type="radio"/> I have no opinion either way	29	18%	4	3%	33	11%
<input type="radio"/> I don't like it	7	4%	0	0%	7	2%
<input type="radio"/> I really don't like it	8	5%	7	5%	15	5%
<input type="radio"/> None of the above	2	1%	1	1%	3	1%

3. Thinking back to this time last year, in what ways, if any, were you affected by aircraft noise? (tick all that apply)

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> It affected my sleep on some nights	49	29%	55	40%	104	34%
<input type="checkbox"/> It affected my sleep on most nights	29	17%	24	18%	53	17%
<input type="checkbox"/> It affected my health	14	8%	26	19%	40	13%
<input type="checkbox"/> It deterred me from opening my windows	59	35%	59	43%	118	39%
<input type="checkbox"/> It affected my enjoyment of my garden	87	52%	88	64%	175	57%
<input type="checkbox"/> It affected my enjoyment of local open space	59	35%	72	53%	131	43%
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	57	34%	20	15%	79	26%

4. Thinking back to this time last year, how problematic was aircraft noise at your address at the following times? (tick all that apply)

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6am to 7am – a problem	45	27%	45	33%	90	30%
<input type="checkbox"/> 6am to 7am – a serious problem	33	20%	29	21%	62	20%
<input type="checkbox"/> 7am to 8am – a problem	34	20%	36	27%	70	23%
<input type="checkbox"/> 7am to 8am – a serious problem	30	18%	18	13%	48	16%
<input type="checkbox"/> 8am to 9am – a problem	32	19%	31	23%	63	21%
<input type="checkbox"/> 8am to 9am – a serious problem	10	6%	13	10%	23	8%
<input type="checkbox"/> 9am to 5pm – a problem	46	27%	37	27%	83	27%
<input type="checkbox"/> 9am to 5pm – a serious problem	12	7%	21	16%	33	11%
<input type="checkbox"/> 5pm to 11pm – a problem	44	26%	46	34%	90	30%
<input type="checkbox"/> 5pm to 11pm – a serious problem	23	14%	32	24%	55	18%
<input type="checkbox"/> 11pm to 6am – a problem	26	15%	37	27%	63	21%
<input type="checkbox"/> 11pm to 6am – a serious problem	30	18%	33	24%	63	21%
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	54	32%	25	19%	79	26%

5. The owners of Leeds Bradford airport are applying for permission to have more flights between 11pm and 7am. What is your opinion on this?

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="radio"/> I support this	30	18%	7	5%	37	12%
<input type="radio"/> I have no strong opinion on this	23	14%	7	5%	30	10%
<input type="radio"/> I oppose this	114	68%	123	90%	237	78%

6. Which of the following statements do you agree with? (tick all that apply)

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leeds needs a bigger airport	46	27%	7	5%	53	17%
<input type="checkbox"/> Leeds Bradford airport is big enough	93	59%	79	57%	172	56%
<input type="checkbox"/> The noise problems are not too serious	40	25%	13	9%	53	17%
<input type="checkbox"/> It is important to have an airport nearby	68	43%	27	20%	95	31%
<input type="checkbox"/> Leeds would be a more pleasant place to live if there were fewer planes using Leeds Bradford airport.	72	46%	81	59%	153	50%
<input type="checkbox"/> Leeds would be a more pleasant place to live if Leeds Bradford were closed.	21	13%	35	25%	56	18%

7. How many times in 2019 did you fly from Leeds Bradford airport?

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="radio"/> 0	0	0%	137	100%	137	45%
<input type="radio"/> 1	79	47%	0	0%	79	26%
<input type="radio"/> 2	44	26%	0	0%	44	14%
<input type="radio"/> 3	24	14%	0	0%	24	8%
<input type="radio"/> 4	4	2%	0	0%	4	1%
<input type="radio"/> 5	4	2%	0	0%	4	1%
<input type="radio"/> more than 5	12	7%	0	0%	12	4%

8. How many times in 2019 did you fly from other UK airports instead of Leeds Bradford because the other airport offered better/different flights?

	<u>LBA users</u>		<u>others</u>		<u>total</u>	
<input type="radio"/> 0	72	43%	91	67%	163	54%
<input type="radio"/> 1	39	23%	31	23%	70	23%
<input type="radio"/> 2	31	18%	9	7%	39	13%
<input type="radio"/> 3	6	4%	3	2%	9	3%
<input type="radio"/> 4	3	2%	1	1%	4	1%
<input type="radio"/> 5	4	2%	0	0%	4	1%
<input type="radio"/> more than 5	13	8%	1	1%	14	5%

9. Please give your full postcode

LS16	119
LS6	113
LS18	23
LS19	11
LS21	10
LS5	9
other LS	20

10. Do you have any other comments? If so, please type them in the box.