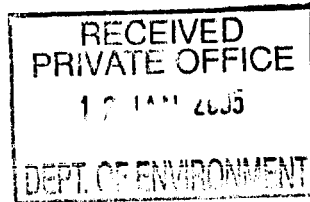


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**Contribution to the Public Consultation on the  
Review of the Planning Agreement with Belfast City Airport**

I object to any relaxation of the operating limits of the Airport, especially to any raising of the limit on the annual number of seats to be sold by flight operators. I fear that it will lead to an increase in the volume of traffic and in the size of aircraft flying over the city.

The noise created by large aircraft passing low overhead at peak times is disturbing. The low altitude of descending aircraft is worrying.

I object to the frequent flights made outside permitted times: 648 were made in 2003. I understand that such flights are only to be made 'in exceptional circumstances', and I believe the airport to be in breach of the current planning agreement in this respect.

I consider that the airport's request to increase the number of seats for sale should be rejected. I call for a public inquiry into the planning arrangements governing the airport, including; the number of air traffic movements; the number of seats offered for sale, late flights; noise monitoring; and safety and environmental risks.

Yours faithfully,

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