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## Government Attendance at the HCNF

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Airspace Strategy and Spectrum



# Policy and Regulatory Overview

International



ICAO Balanced Approach :

- Reducing noise at source (contributes >80% of noise reduction)
- Land use planning
- Operational procedures
- Operating restrictions

Sets aircraft certification and standards

European



Legal requirements on procedures around operating restrictions and obligations on airports to map noise exposure and produce action plans to manage noise.

National

Government sets overall policy on aviation noise

Local planning powers used to restrict noise



Gov't sets noise controls at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted

Airports required to have consultative facilities.

Airports can set differential landing fees, set noise restrictions and fine airlines. SofS can direct them to use these.

CAA regulates airspace change, in accordance with Government policy and guidance and can be required to consider environment when licensing aerodromes.



# Government controls

- **The Government has powers to set noise controls at specific airports.** For many years Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports have been designated for these purposes.
- Because of this role for Government at the designated airports, officials attend key meetings.
- Elsewhere the Government considers noise controls should be agreed locally. This is often done through planning conditions on new airport development.



# Airspace and Noise Policy

- Policy is under continual review.
- Ministers have asked officials to consider particular issues around how airspace is designed and how decisions on airspace changes are made.
- This sits alongside the CAA's review on the Airspace Change Process.
- Broad engagement is central to policy thinking.
  - Opinions from the group are fed back to policy teams
  - Bilateral meetings
  - We will present to this group if proposals are to be brought forward