

**Airspace and Noise Engagement Group – January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Minutes****Attendees:**

Tim May - DfT (Chair)  
Oliver Carter - DfT (Secretariat)  
Charles Lloyd – Community Groups  
John Stewart – Community Groups  
Martin Peachey – Community Groups  
Ben Fenech – Public Health England  
Harri Howels – ANSP's  
Ian Jopson – ANSP's  
Tim Johnson – AEF  
Richard Norman – Airports  
Neil Robinson – Airports  
Frank Evans – UKACC  
Geoff Clark – Airlines  
Dave Wood – Airlines  
Amanda Francis – Express Industry  
Keith Bushell – Manufacturers  
Jeremy Pine – Local Authorities  
Andy Jefferson – Sustainable Aviation  
Rebecca Roberts-Hughes - CAA

**Observers:**

Peter O'Broin - AOA  
Andy Kershaw - Airports

**Apologies:**

Sarah Bishop - DfT  
Isobel Pastor - DfT  
Jamie Macrae – Local Authorities  
Sharon Davies – Express Industry

**Minutes:**

The Chair welcome the group, and thanked them for giving over a substantial amount of their time to the group for this meeting. The group introduced themselves and who the groups of people they represented.

**Agenda Item – Terms of Reference:**

In general the group decided the Terms of Reference were appropriate with some minor changes *[DN: These have been reflected in the next set of Terms of Reference which are due to be agreed at the next meeting.]*. The group wanted to reflect that fact that noise will be its primary focus, but this does not preclude them from taking up wider issues around airspace policy at the agreement of the Chair. The group felt that they should be made aware when they were discussing policy that is currently under development or if they would be re-opening a current policy for further discussion.

There was a discussion around the terms in which the group would be able to recommend or advise to DfT that a piece of research should be commissioned, and the process in which this would be appropriately handled. The conclusion of the discussion centred around the group deciding at the next meeting their work plan for the year, and using the intervening time between meetings to discover what (if any) gaps there are in current research that are relevant to the groups remit.

The group did not want to have a yearly report – but decided that they would like to have the opportunity to issue a report as and when they felt it was appropriate.

When discussing the Roles and Responsibilities of the group the members decided to rework this section, making it clearer the responsibilities on members and how this will be reflected in their work. *[DN: These have been reflected in the next set of Terms of Reference which are due to be agreed at the next meeting.]*

The group discussed approaching the ABTA to see if this organisation would be able to provide an appropriate member for the group to represent the Passenger point of view through a lens of the travel industry. The group further agreed that PHE would be invited to attend the group on a standing basis but in an advisory capacity. Additional attendees will be invited to the meeting at the Chair's discretion when attendance would add value to the conversations the group are due to partake in.

The group further discussed the concept of reviewing the membership of ANEG in the future, possibly after 2 years of the group being in existence. The idea of promoting this group to Parliamentary Committees was raised, but it was decided that Parliamentary engagement would be handled by Ministers.

**Agenda Item – Next Steps:**

The Chair took the group through a high level presentation of the themes that the UK Airspace Consultation will entail, which is due to be released to the public w/c 30 January 2017.

The next meeting will be within the consultation period, but towards the end. With the current planning for the event to happen in late April – which will allow the members time to go back to their organisations with a month until the end of the consultation.

Oliver Carter,  
January 2017