**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council Aircraft Noise Reduction Statement**

Within this parish planes passing over head create significant noise pollution which although high is less than the government guidelines.

There has been a recent review of historical documentation regarding the airport and noise pollution but we have not been able to find any documentation which would require the council to change its stance on noise pollution. The Parish Council will continue to inform residents on the information received

The residents of the village are in different camps regarding the aircraft, some are quite happy with noise levels and enjoy the planes crossing over, some do not mind either way and some find the noise to be intrusive and bothersome. There are some areas of the village more affected than others.

The Parish Council has a permanent noise monitor on the roof of the library in the centre of the village. Mobile noise monitors are also available and the council can facilitate placement of these at residents’ property should this be required.

The Parish Council is represented on the Airport Consultative Committee which is a committee of local businesses and councils whose users and residents are affected in some way by the airport. This committee advises the airport on the reactions of local people and while its views may be taken into consideration within the airport decision making procedure it is not a part of that procedure. The brief of the representative is to support any measures which would reduce noise over Heddon on the Wall and to act and vote accordingly on the committee and to report back on all meetings to the Parish Council. The council is consulted on large airport decisions by the airport but takes no part in the decision making process.

The Parish Council must remain un-biased and support the views of all of the residents of the Parish of Heddon on the Wall. As all the flight paths currently suggested would affect different people in the Parish we are unable to specifically support any particular route. We work with the ACC and the airport towards helping lower aircraft noise, and are happy to facilitate communication with any groups and the airport working towards this end.

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The Parish Council supports the future growth of the airport and welcomes the prospect of improved economic growth in the North East of England that the airport brings but this must not be at the expense of the residents of Heddon.

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