



Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board EANAB



Report on May 2026 meeting.

The May meeting was held on Wednesday May 6th, at the Novotel, Hermiston Gait and online.

No members of the public were present despite the fact that these meetings are now open to observers.

ACP. The task of sifting through all the responses, looking for common themes that have been raised by respondents, to prepare a report for the CAA is drawing to a close. It will be submitted to the CAA for approval.

However, the meeting was then hit by a bombshell when Simon Rhodes, who has been managing the ACP and doing all the work, and working very closely with EANAB, announced he would cease to be involved in a few weeks' time. He said that the airport's new owners, Vinci Airports, had decided that as they had a team at Gatwick doing Airspace Change there was no need to have one at Edinburgh effectively duplicating the effort, and consequently Simon's contract was being terminated.

It is unclear at this time who EANAB will now work with. Gordon Robertson, the Head of Communications for Edinburgh Airport and Simon's boss, is going to attend the next main EANAB meeting to outline how things will proceed from here. EANAB only exists because EAL wants it to exist. We have been told that EANAB won't be disbanded, but without Simon I'm not sure how effective we can be.

This news completely stunned everyone at the meeting and consequently, although the correct procedure was gone through, nothing further of any import was discussed.

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