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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations request – EIR-00046415

Thank you for your information request dated 11/08/2025. Please accept my apologies in the delay in responding to your request, which was due to this case being assigned to the incorrect policy team in DfT.

You have requested the following information:

1. Any research the DfT conducted or commissioned into the issue of the welfare and/or subjective wellbeing impacts of noise arising from aviation/aircraft over the past ten years.
2. You are requesting a copy of the report that was potentially commissioned from the consultancy firm Simetrica-Jacobs on the above topic during the period 2018–2022, along with any related government documents.

Regarding your request, over the past ten years the Department has commissioned the following research related to noise and wellbeing:

1. The Community Compensation Fund (CCF) report, which sought to explore public and business attitudes and preferences towards a proposed Community Compensation Fund (CCF) at an expanded Heathrow airport. The fieldwork took place in October – November 2018 and involved in person deliberative events and interviews. The CCF was proposed in the ANPS as a measure to mitigate the environmental harm caused by expansion, including due to impacts associated with aviation noise exposure. This is published and available at <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5fc65203d3bf7f7f5521a74a/community-compensation-fund.pdf>
2. The Aviation Night Noise Effects (ANNE) study and the Aviation Noise Attitudes Survey (ANAS), both commissioned by the Department in 2022. These studies aim to further the understanding of the impact of aviation noise - during the night and day respectively- on residents living in the vicinity of and will include findings relating to wellbeing. Both studies rely on social surveys (subjective response) with people exposed to aviation noise. The ANNE study also goes a step further, exploring the physiological response (objective response) to aviation noise and how this differs to the subjective one. Both studies are

currently ongoing and will be published in due course. Both studies are currently ongoing and will be published in due course.

3. A subjective well-being report, commissioned in 2019. This was an experimental study to explore the impact of aviation noise on the wellbeing of residents who live in the vicinity of Heathrow, Gatwick, and Stansted airports by triangulating varied data sources. A final version of the report was provided to DfT in July 2021 but due to resourcing issues associated with the reprioritisation of work during the COVID-19 pandemic, the report was not taken forward to publication. The unpublished report can be found in the attached PDF document. Please note that for the reasons stated above this was not taken through DfT's normal pre-publication and quality assurance processes, including making sure the report is readable for those with accessibility needs. It should also be noted that the Department considers that the methodological approach taken in the upcoming ANNE and ANAS studies will provide a more robust, comprehensive and up-to-date evidence base on the impacts of aviation noise.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the way we have responded to or handled your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. These should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of this letter and addressed to the FOI Advice Team at FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gov.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you ask for an internal review and are still not content with the outcome, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via their online form: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Yours sincerely,

Aviation Decarbonisation and Environment Division