

HIGH EASTER PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN

Robert Lodge
The Garage
The Street
High Easter
Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4QR

01245 231262

e-mail: robert.lodge@lodgecoaches.co.uk

CLERK

Allison Ward
Peartree Cottage
Slough Road
High Easter
Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4RD

01245 231798

e-mail: allison.ward@tiscali.co.uk

Statement to STACC on behalf of High Easter Parish Council

High Easter is both a village and large parish, with many outlying homes and businesses and has been an established settlement since before the Norman Conquest.

The Clacton route overflies the village entering at the north west and exiting at the east; its close proximity to the village centre means aircraft fly over the most populated areas. Since the implementation of the changes in departure routes the number of flights over the village has increased significantly. Aircraft are below 7,000ft over High Easter which adversely affects the tranquility of the village, both by reason of noise and visual intrusion. Being a rural area with low ambient noise, the impact of any aircraft noise is magnified. This was particularly felt during the summer months when open windows and outside space become more relevant for residents wishing to enjoy their gardens and the surrounding countryside, as well as for outside village events such as the open air Shakespeare evening in July which at times was inaudible due to the constant aircraft noise.

High Easter Parish Council strongly objected to the proposals in the 2014 NATS consultation on departure routes. Since the changes were introduced earlier this year the Parish Council has found itself inundated with resident's concerns and has taken various steps to help residents understand why the changes occurred and how to express their concerns. The 7 Parish Councillors who represent the community of High Easter find themselves thrust into a commercial world full of technical data, acronyms, flight measurements, diagrams and consultations way beyond their expertise and experience as well as becoming addicted to 'flightradar'! We are trying to keep up We care passionately about the place we live in and wish to work with Stansted Airport and others to reduce the aircraft noise issues for all in High Easter.

We fully endorse the statements made by Felsted Parish Council and by Easter and Rodings Action Group against Stansted Noise.

Question from High Easter Parish Council

High Easter Parish Council asks STACC for help to ensure the review considers alternative solutions, including views expressed at Parish Council meetings, for example, the impact of higher climb rates, reduced power after initial climb until beyond Clacton; such alternatives were missing from the original consultation. Furthermore, we ask STACC to use their influence to assist the Parish Councils, community groups and residents, to ensure that the review gives a full picture of the impact in terms that are clear and understandable to all.