

URGENT: Proposed Glasgow Airport Flight Path Change – What It Means for Uplawmoor

Our quiet village faces a major increase in aircraft noise — your voice can stop it.

Glasgow Airport is consulting on changes to its flight paths that could send **frequent, low-altitude aircraft directly over Uplawmoor and surrounding homes**. Our village's peace, wellbeing and rural environment may be significantly affected unless residents speak up now.

Why This Matters

1. Noise Levels Could Exceed Key Health Guidelines

- WHO's latest environmental noise guidelines recommend keeping **aircraft noise below 45 dB Lden** to protect health.
- Uplawmoor often sits around **30 dB** in quiet periods — meaning even moderate increases will be very noticeable.
- At the altitudes proposed, aircraft noise **could exceed WHO guideline levels**, especially since aircraft will still be climbing and therefore louder.

2. Height Above Ground Is Lower Than it Sounds

Airport altitude figures are quoted **above sea level**, but:

- Uplawmoor sits around **150–200 m (500–650 ft)** above sea level.
- Aircraft said to be at “4,500 ft” would actually be **closer to 3,800–4,000 ft above the village**, increasing noise impact compared with lower-lying areas.

Residents at the consultation reported that noise demonstrations appeared to use **sea-level assumptions** and did not reflect our real elevation or very low ambient noise.

3. By 2036: Up to 43 Flights Overhead on a “Busy Day”

At the consultation, residents were told that the airport's BEEFY route could carry **up to 43 aircraft overhead on a “busy day” by 2036**.

When asked what “busy day” means, airport representatives said it would apply to **the summer period (June–September)** — the very months when people are outdoors most and windows are open.

Additionally, when asked about start and end times, residents were reminded that **Glasgow Airport is a 24-hour airport**, meaning **night flights are possible**, raising concerns about potential night-time disturbance.

This indicates a **significant long-term shift in the noise environment** over Uplawmoor.

4. Our Rural Paths & Recreation Could Suffer

Uplawmoor's quiet roads, Core Paths and Neilston Pad are heavily used by walkers, cyclists and riders from the wider region.

Increased overflight noise **could erode the tranquillity** that makes our area a valued green escape.

5. Cumulative Noise Burden Is a Real Risk

Many homes already experience:

- Wind turbine noise (UK guidelines recognise 35–40 dB as a typical daytime threshold for avoiding complaints, 43 dB at night).
- Quarry noise.

Adding regular aircraft movements could **significantly amplify overall noise exposure**, raising concerns about:

- Sleep disturbance
- Stress and quality-of-life impacts
- Potential difficulty selling affected properties

What You Can Do Now (Most Important!)

1. Respond to the Official Consultation

Tell Glasgow Airport how this proposal affects your home, health, environment and quality of life:

👉 <https://glasgowairport.consultationonline.co.uk/>

2. Complete MSP Paul O’Kane’s Survey

Helps build a unified constituency response:

👉 <https://survey.labour.org.uk/uplawmoor-flight-path>

3. Use Example Objection Templates

Available at:

👉 <https://uplawmoorcouncil.co.uk/airspace-change-consultation/>

4. Join the Uplawmoor Focus Group

To help coordinate responses and next steps:

✉ uplawmoorcouncil@gmail.com

Village Meeting – Date Announced Soon (Dec / Jan)

We will hold a public meeting to share the latest information and plan next steps.
Please watch for updates – your participation matters.

Let's Protect Uplawmoor

This change is not inevitable.

With enough engagement, **we can influence the final decision** and protect the peace, health and character of our village.