



Uplawmoor Community Council

Public Summary of Formal Objection to BEEFY 23 Departure Route

1. Overview

Uplawmoor Community Council (UCC) has lodged a formal objection to Glasgow Airport's proposed BEEFY 23 departure route. The community strongly contests the accuracy of the consultation and the scale of environmental, health, and quality-of-life impacts that the new early-turn departure would impose on residents.

2. Why the Community Objects

- Consultation materials misrepresented aircraft height by quoting altitude above sea level rather than above Uplawmoor's elevated terrain.
- Noise impacts were understated due to unrealistic background noise assumptions and use of quieter aircraft types in modelling.
- Safety considerations of turning aircraft at 2 nautical miles instead of the standard 5 NM were not disclosed to residents.
- The proposed route introduces new and significant noise burdens over homes, farms, schools, tranquil landscapes and natural heritage sites including Loch Libo SSSI.

Expected Effects:

- Up to 43 overflights per busy summer day.
- Potential exceedance of WHO health limits for aircraft noise.
- Increased disturbance during early morning and night due to 24-hour airport operations.

3. Environmental, Wildlife and Community Wellbeing Impacts

- Aircraft noise threatens protected wildlife such as whooper swans, which are sensitive to disturbance and face elevated collision risk.
- Low-frequency noise from aircraft adds to existing turbine noise, increasing cumulative environmental burden.
- Heatherbank Country Park and local trails would experience significant loss of tranquillity, harming recreation and tourism.
- Livestock and horses are highly vulnerable to sudden loud noise, creating serious welfare and safety concerns in a rural farming area.

Environmental Justice:

East Renfrewshire already carries disproportionate environmental burdens. Adding a high-intensity flight path over Uplawmoor is inconsistent with environmental fairness and human rights principles.

4. What the Community is Asking For

A Feasible Alternative Exists:

Pilots and airport representatives have confirmed that shifting the BEEFY corridor southwest is operationally practical. This adjustment would route aircraft over lower, less-populated terrain and remove Uplawmoor from the overflight zone.

UCC Requests:

- A southwest shift of the BEEFY 23 corridor.
- Accurate modelling using the real aircraft fleet mix and terrain-adjusted heights.
- Full assessment of health, sleep, ecological and educational impacts.
- Suspension of progress to Gateway 2 until the inaccuracies and omissions are addressed.

Conclusion:

Uplawmoor seeks a fair, evidence-based and environmentally responsible alternative. A viable route exists that reduces community harm without compromising airport safety or efficiency.