

COUNTY COUNCIL - GARTREE NEWS NEMA DESIGNATION - LATEST

Complaints about the noise from aircraft have begun to flow into NEMA from east Leicestershire people disturbed by the noise from the new flight paths that started on 12th May. It is clear that several aircraft have not kept to the new routes, and so I have asked the County Council to request copies of radar tracks since 12th May to check how many flights are non-compliant.

Noise complaints have not just been from north and east of the *Glen Sence* area, but places such as Foxton and Fleckney have also recorded noise at night from over flying aircraft. A few may be bound for Coventry, but NEMA will be tracking them as they are in their new airspace. The Government take note of the number of complaints reported to NEMA, so please do write, telephone or email with dates and times you were disturbed. If you do not wish to complain directly to NEMA, you can still complete the County Council short airport survey (www.leics.gov.uk), and the DEMAND website (www.demand.uk.net) has now set up an online survey too, where you can also view other's comments.

DEMAND are also raising funds to continue the campaign and, in collaboration, with a Leicestershire brewery launched the "Night Cap" beer in June to coincide with the first reading of the Civil Aviation Bill, which would give airports more powers to self-police themselves rather than provide for independent monitoring of aircraft flights. Click on the DEMAND website to find out more, and see how you can help the campaign to limit night flights over our area with a small donation.

The County Council, in concert with districts, is pressing ahead with building the case for designating NEMA, and are insisting that a County Councillor join the NEMA Independent Consultative Committee. Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland & Melton, is now the Shadow Transport Secretary, so this is a good opportunity to obtain some control over night flights.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Now that the flashing signs, humps, bumps and platforms have been in place for some time, what are Great Glen people's views? I am aware that Oaks Road has a long stretch without any calming measures; this is being reviewed. I would be pleased to receive views (positive and negative) about the effects of traffic calming along the main routes through the village.

POOR PARKING ON THE CHASE

Insensitive parking, principally by parents dropping off and picking up their children at Great Glen Primary School, continues to cause traffic problems on The Chase. The school bus has experienced difficulties caused by residents leaving inadequate room too, so please be aware that the bus needs the space to drive through and exit The Chase. Some residents are exacerbating the problems by parking their cars on the roadside, instead of their drives, to avoid being blocked in by parents' cars.

Parents are being encouraged to walk their children to and from school if local, or park carefully if needing to drive to the area. Along with most schools in the County, a School Travel Plan is being produced, and parents will be asked to contribute to a survey from next month (September) so it can be put in place next year. Until then, if problems persist, then I have asked the Education Authority to liaise with the police to use enforcement to ensure the road is kept clear at the start and end of the school day.

If you experience a problem, please write and let me know.

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