

# Park Ridge O'Hare Airport Commission "In the News"

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## In our neck of the woods

### Should O'Hare and Midway be run by an independent authority?

Attempts by some alderman to get an advisory referendum on November's ballot to transfer authority of the airport to an independent airport board vs. the City of Chicago, may have been detoured because there are already two other referendum questions on the Nov. ballot, which is the max.

- **A move to take over control of O'Hare and Midway emerges**

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160516/BLOGS02/160519876/seiu-some-aldermen-move-to-take-control-of-ohare-midway>

- **Don't ask, don't tell... Chicago aldermen block vote on control of airports**

<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC\2016\06\08&article=Ar02001>

- **Aldermen move to block airport control challenge**

<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC\2016\06\07&article=Ar00400>

- **O'Hare Anti-Noise Activists Favor Push to Strip Rahm of Airport Control**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160520/ohare/ohare-anti-noise-activists-favor-push-strip-rahm-of-airport-control>

- **Effort To Give Voice To Airport Noise Activists Detoured By City Council**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160712/downtown/effort-give-voice-airport-noise-activists-detoured-by-city-council>

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### O'Hare to begin testing flight rotation to spread out noise

After several months of debate and negotiations, followed by a plan approved by the FAA, the new Fly Quiet Runway Rotation test began the week of July 6 and is expected to run over a 12-week cycle, as part of a six-month test due to end Christmas morning. Night runways will be rotated every week. The full schedule is available at [www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest](http://www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest). In addition, the current schedule will be posted weekly at <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160713/news/160719780/>

- **Chicago committee rejects noise-related O'Hare runway change**

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160310/news/160319748/>

- **CITY COUNCIL GROUNDS O'HARE RUNWAY PROPOSAL**

<http://abc7chicago.com/news/city-council-grounds-ohare-runway-proposal-/1240537/>

- **Bumpy ride greets city's O'Hare night noise-relief plan**

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/bumpy-ride-greets-citys-ohare-night-noise-relief-plan/>

- **O'Hare Runway Rotation Plan Heads To The Feds, But Not Everyone Is On Board**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160311/ohare/ohare-runway-rotation-plan-moves-forward-but-not-everyone-is-on-board>

- **Fly Quiet Recommendations Move Forward To FAA**

[http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_9f6b43f8-eb0e-11e5-a8ad-73081d4b78a0.html](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_9f6b43f8-eb0e-11e5-a8ad-73081d4b78a0.html)

- **City rolls out revised O'Hare night flight plan**

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/revised-ohare-night-flight-plan/>

- **O'Hare Runway Rotation Plan Heads Back To The Gate To Get Everyone On Board**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160419/ohare/ohare-runway-rotation-plan-heads-back-gate-get-everyone-on-board>

- **Runway rotation plan gets another vote in May**

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160419/news/160418596/>

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- **O'Hare Runway Rotation Plan: Don't Use Newest Runway To Reduce Noise**  
<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160426/ohare/ohare-runway-rotation-plan-dont-use-newest-runway-reduce-noise>
- **Runway Proposal Concerns DP**  
[http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_23c32f68-117e-11e6-ac66-cf9ce95be579.html](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_23c32f68-117e-11e6-ac66-cf9ce95be579.html)
- **O'Hare plan could reduce night noise for 68,000 residents: study**  
<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/ohare-plan-reduce-night-noise-study/>
- **Commission to vote on O'Hare noise proposal**  
<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC\2016\05\06&article=Ar00401>
- **Group approves 'Fly Quiet' plan to reduce jet noise around O'Hare**  
<http://abc7chicago.com/news/group-approves-fly-quiet-plan-to-reduce-jet-noise-around-ohare/1327329/>
- **Rotating O'Hare Noise Plan Advances To FAA**  
[http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_91341486-13b3-11e6-819b-2716c7909822.html?mode=print](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_91341486-13b3-11e6-819b-2716c7909822.html?mode=print)
- **Parties agree on O'Hare noise plan**  
<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC\2016\05\07&article=Ar00104>
- **O'Hare's nighttime noise may be shifted**  
<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC\2016\05\08&article=Ar00103>
- **City submits O'Hare Fly Quiet plan to FAA for early July start**  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-ohare-fly-quiet-20160620-story.html>

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- **O'Hare night flight shakeup debuts Wednesday through Dec. 25**

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/ohare-night-flight-shakeup-debuts-wednesday/>

- **O'Hare to begin testing flight rotation to spread out noise**

<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC%5c2016%5c07%5c06&article=Ar01003>

- **Will O'Hare airport runway rotation changes bring noise relief?**

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160705/news/160709634/>

- **O'Hare Runway Rotation: How Did We Get Here?**

[http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_600c0564-4935-11e6-9119-771d6907c967.html?mode=print](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_600c0564-4935-11e6-9119-771d6907c967.html?mode=print)

### **Air traffic controllers question safety of O'Hare runway rotation**

Air Traffic Controllers at O'Hare Airport think elements of the rotation, such as removing longer runways on certain weeks, pose risks and could cause problems for pilots. The runway rotation, which is voluntary, changes weekly. Parallel and diagonal ones will be in the mix as well as 10,801- and 13,000-foot-long behemoths and shorter runways ranging from 7,500 to 9,600 feet. Air Traffic Controllers believe the Chicago Department of Aviation needs to always keep one runway of at least 10,000 feet open overnight to accommodate aircraft like cargo planes.

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160711/news/160719899>

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### **Proposal would give tax break for soundproofing homes near O'Hare**

State Rep. Christine Winger, Wood Dale, has proposed tax credit for purchasing soundproofing materials, as well as labor or other costs associated with installing them. The credit would be available to residents just outside the area where households are eligible for federal grant money to soundproof homes. Winger is collaborating with Republican State Rep. Michael McAuliffe of Chicago and Democratic state Sens. Laura Murphy of Des Plaines and John Mulroe of Chicago on several measures aimed at addressing noise concerns surrounding O'Hare and its expansion. These include a tax credit and an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency study on the health and environmental impact of the airport expansion.

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160407/news/160409044/>

### **Quigley, Lipinski back health study of airport noise**

Congressional members, Mike Quigley and Dan Lipinski, with the support of Jan Schakowsky, are co-sponsors of a bill which would require the FAA to enter into an agreement with a school of public health "to conduct a study of the health impacts of airline flights on residents exposed to a range of noise and air pollution from such flights, including asthma exacerbation, sleep disturbance stress and elevated blood pressure". The study would focus on Chicago, Boston, New York and the San Francisco Bay Area.

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160428/BLOGS02/160429804/quigley-lipinski-back-health-study-of-airport-noise>

### **SOC Keeps Aviation Experts On**

Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson said the aviation consulting firm (JDA) that the SOC hired last year to study airport operations will be kept on. Their initial report was released late last year making 20 recommendations for changes in O'Hare flight operations. JDA released a report analyzing the proposed runway rotation plan's expected effects on O'Hare noise. JDA has been working on the runway rotation plan alongside Chicago Dept. of Aviation consultants for the last six months. JDA will be kept on to monitor the new Fly Quiet runway rotation as it rolls out, collecting data from the aviation department on a regular basis through the first six months, recommending adjustments as it is implemented and issuing a report evaluating the runway rotation program early next year.

[http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_183ca5f0-1879-11e6-964d-034e73191bc1.html](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_183ca5f0-1879-11e6-964d-034e73191bc1.html)

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### **O'Hare Representation**

Despite efforts to gain representation and a bigger voice on ONCC, Mayor Emanuel has denied Ald. Napolitano (41<sup>st</sup> ward) a seat, citing there is already adequate representation for that ward. ONCC Chairperson Juracek has confirmed that FAiR is not eligible to have a seat on ONCC. In addition, Juracek has requested that citizens with comments during the Public Comments section of the meeting keep their remarks on point and avoid repetition at each meeting of issues that have been responded to.

- **Rahm Says No Seat For Ald. Napolitano On O'Hare Noise Commission**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160603/ohare/rahm-emanuel-says-no-seat-for-ald-napolitano-on-ohare-noise-commission>

- **Anti-Noise Group Does Not Belong On O'Hare Noise Commission: Chairwoman**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160608/ohare/anti-noise-group-does-not-belong-on-ohare-noise-commission-chairwoman>

- **Juracek To Noise Complainers: Don't Stray From Meeting Agendas**

[http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_7bca1b8c-2d7f-11e6-b6b9-e7739fdb026.html?mode=print](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_7bca1b8c-2d7f-11e6-b6b9-e7739fdb026.html?mode=print)

### **Jet noise will ease in coming years due to new engine designs**

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-jet-noise-getting-around-20160606-story.html>

### **Emanuel to unveil O'Hare plan to add up to 9 terminal gates**

<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/chicagotribune/SharedArticle.ashx?document=CTC%5c2016%5c07%5c15&article=Ar01101>

### **O'Hare Neighbors Lodged More Than A Half Million Noise Complaints This Year**

From January to April, Chicagoans logged approximately 537,000 complaints about noisy planes taking off or landing at O'Hare Airport as compared with approximately 371,000 complaints in the same time period last year, according to data released Friday by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160606/ohare/ohare-neighbors-lodged-more-than-half-million-noise-complaints-this-year>

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### **FAA Awards NextGen Contract to Lockheed Martin**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded a contract to Lockheed Martin worth \$344 million to develop and implement a new NextGen technology that will improve the efficiency of departures and arrivals, as well as the movement of aircraft on the ground. The new technology will save time for the flying public and lessen the impact on the environment by reducing emissions and noise.

<https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=85905>

## **Health**

### **Blood Pressure May Soar if You Live Near Airport**

According to a study by Marta Rojek, a researcher at Jagiellonian University Medical College in Krakow, Poland, there is emerging evidence that exposure to aircraft noise may increase the risk of high blood pressure, especially at night. There's also some data that suggest hospitalization for heart disease and stroke may increase with exposure to airplane noise.

<http://www.webmd.com/hypertension-high-blood-pressure/news/20160617/blood-pressure-may-soar-if-you-live-near-an-airport>

## **Press Releases**

### **FAiR Responds to the Fly Quiet Rotation test period: The FAA has confirmed what we've known all along**

The FAA has approved the Fly Quiet test program which includes utilization of the diagonal runways and FAiR says the use of the diagonals should no longer be considered a safety issue, one of the reasons used for decommissioning diagonal runways.

<http://www.fairchicago.org>



## In the United States

### California

- **Residents comment on FAA study addressing noise concerns**

After the FAA rolled Next Generation (NextGen) at airports in the Bay Area of California, complaints about noise escalated. The Federal Aviation Administration recently released a feasibility study that looks at possible solutions to the jet noise. The recommendations addressed in the report were gathered from residents and elected officials from Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The report is the first phase in a three-phase approach to review and respond to the community proposals.

- The full study can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/h2fhva7](http://tinyurl.com/h2fhva7).
- The executive summary can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/h6f9gco](http://tinyurl.com/h6f9gco).

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20160525/NEWS/160529808>

- **Noise-abatement Plan Proposed for Bob Hope Airport**

The FAA is reviewing a proposed noise-compatibility program submitted for Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif. (to be rebranded as Hollywood Burbank Airport). This proposal and its accompanying noise exposure maps were submitted under the provisions of FAR Part 150, which provides the regulatory guidance and technical support for airport noise-abatement programs.

<http://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/aerospace/2016-05-31/noise-abatement-plan-proposed-bob-hope-airport>

- **New FAA flight paths bombard Pacifica (San Mateo County, California) with noise**

Because NextGen's satellite-based navigation is so precise, flight paths can be concentrated over relatively narrow corridors, such as the Pacifica route, which the FAA calls SSTIK. Previously, planes relied on radio frequencies or beacons, or simply followed directional headings provided by controllers. The result was flight paths scattered over a broad swath of airspace. Many homes got some noise each day, but it was manageable. Now fewer houses are affected, but the ones that are get slammed.

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/test-7945704.php>

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### District of Columbia

- **D.C. wants FAA to corral noisy flights departing Reagan National**

D.C.'s attorney general wants the Federal Aviation Administration to reconsider flight paths out of Reagan National Airport that send noisy low-flying jetliners over Southwest Washington.... The implementation of new flight paths that take advantage of the FAA program known as NextGen have altered some approaches and departures. There were 1,286 noise complaints filed in the District in 2014. When a NextGen-related system allowed flight path changes the following year, the number of complaints jumped to 8,670. Airport officials said 6,500 of the complaints in 2015 came from the same person.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/dr-gridlock/wp/2016/05/10/d-c-wants-faa-to-coral-noisy-flights-into-reagan-national/>

- **FAA may alter Reagan National flight paths after noise complaints**

The airports authority says the most effective change would be to keep planes away from land and directly over the Potomac River.

<http://wtop.com/local/2016/06/faa-may-alter-reagan-national-flight-paths/>

### Florida

- **Noise Compatibility Committee sets strategic plan**

The City of Naples Airport Authority Noise Compatibility Committee has adopted its 2016 strategic plan. The plan's goals include improving compliance with Naples Municipal Airport's voluntary curfew; communicating the value and benefits of the airport and the progress achieved in noise mitigation; pursuing measures to reduce noise impacts; and working with the Federal Aviation Administration.

<http://www.naplesnews.com/participate/371301341.html>

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- **Trump could win noise battle with airport if he is president**

Trump alleges in his current lawsuit that the jetliners' roar disturbs his members, who pay \$100,000 initiation fees and \$14,000 annual dues. He also says the vibrations and jet exhaust damage the fragile Dorian stone, antique Spanish tiles and Cuban roof tiles used to build the 126-room, 10,000-square-foot mansion in the mid-1920s, a decade before the airport opened and three decades before the advent of passenger jets. As president, he could order the FAA to shift Palm Beach International's takeoff and landing patterns to avoid Mar-a-Lago (not that he would).

<http://elections.ap.org/content/trump-could-win-noise-battle-airport-if-he-president>

### Maryland

- **Howard officials push FAA to address 'unacceptable' noise levels**

Months of pushback from residents in Columbia, Elkridge and Hanover has prompted local officials to push the Federal Aviation Administration to take action against "unacceptable" noise caused by changes in flight patterns after the rollout of Next Gen, a new \$40 billion system to modernize the national air traffic control system.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/elkridge/ph-ho-cf-bwi-noise-follow-0623-20160622-story.html>

### Massachusetts

- **Officials: Just-finished Plymouth Airport project should increase safety, lessen noise**

It will likely go down as the loudest ribbon-cutting event in local history, but the ceremonial opening of the lengthened runways at Plymouth Municipal Airport actually promised less noise for neighbors... Airport Manager Tom Maher said the project enhances safety by enabling all aircraft to use the same runway. Having both runways the same length has the additional benefit of mitigating aircraft noise by minimizing go-arounds, balancing the noise of larger aircraft more fairly and having aircraft at higher altitudes during climbs over various neighborhoods, Maher said.

<http://www.patriotledger.com/news/20160712/officials-just-finished-plymouth-airport-project-should-increase-safety-lessen-noise>

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### New York

- **SCHUMER CALLS ON PORT AUTHORITY TO ACCELERATE COMPLETION OF NOISE STUDIES COMPLETION OF 'PART 150 NOISE STUDIES' COULD HELP REMEDIATE AIRPLANE NOISE & PROVIDE LONG - SOUGHT RELIEF TO COMMUNITIES**

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer today urged the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to complete its Part 150 noise studies as quickly and thoroughly as possible so that it can begin taking noise mitigation steps. The Part 150 studies aim to evaluate noise impacts to the communities surrounding JFK and LaGuardia Airport and, once complete, the studies will recommend measures to mitigate excessive noise where possible. Schumer has long supported the Part 150 studies.

<http://politicalnews.me/?id=39029&keys=AIRPORT-NOISE-REMIATION-MITIGATION>

- **Airport Noise Committee Proposes Civilian Airplane Monitoring System for Southampton Residents**

The Town of Southampton selected **Air Noise Report** for the public to monitor flights and submit complaints. It's one of two reporting systems, the other being **PlaneNoise Inc.** Air Noise Report has a real-time map that allows residents to see air traffic and provides the aircraft type, registration number, altitude, speed and basic complaint form for the aircraft.... The committee proposed that the data collected from complaints be sent to the Town Board and used to show how South Fork residents are disturbed by the increased—and often low and hovering—air traffic.

<http://www.27east.com/news/article.cfm/General-Interest-Southampton/486640/Airport-Noise-Committee-Proposes-Civilian-Airplane-Monitoring-System-for-Southampton-Residents>

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### North Carolina

- **FAA expects city to stay in charge at CLT**

The Federal Aviation Administration expects the city to keep running Charlotte Douglas International Airport and won't consider whether a state-appointed commission could operate CLT unless and until the city and the state end a legal stalemate.... The federal agency's newly released policy guidance on changing management of publicly owned airports stipulates "that all local parties should be in agreement before filing the application" to transfer operations to another entity.

[http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/queen\\_city\\_agenda/2016/06/faa-expects-city-to-stay-in-charge-at.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/queen_city_agenda/2016/06/faa-expects-city-to-stay-in-charge-at.html)



### What's happening around the world?

#### Australia

- **Badgerys Creek airport noise to be shared: Government will rewrite flight paths**

THE Turnbull government will rewrite proposed flight paths for Sydney's second airport at Badgerys Creek and scrap a merge point for incoming aircraft following a community backlash over noise... The Daily Telegraph can reveal that a single "point merge" over Blaxland in the Blue Mountains, contained in an environmental-impact statement, will be ditched.... This would have directed all aircraft to a single airspace point over Blaxland before making their final approach into the airport — concentrating noise over a single community.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/badgerys-creek-airport-noise-to-be-shared-government-will-rewrite-flight-paths/news-story/4986ab18df15ce44ad319ea2dc89be6c>

#### Canada

- **Noise complaints about Pearson airport win a fresh look**

Midtown Toronto residents upset by the sound of airplanes flying over their neighbourhood might soon be enjoying quieter skies.... The Star has learned that following complaints, Nav Canada, the private company that operates the country's civil air navigation service, has decided to conduct a third-party review of the airspace around Pearson International Airport.

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/05/11/noise-complaints-about-pearson-airport-win-a-fresh-look.html>

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### Europe

- **FRANKFURT AIRPORT TO TRIAL NEW SATELLITE-BASED APPROACH PROCEDURES**

Frankfurt Airport will begin trials of new satellite-based approach procedures for incoming flights from tomorrow.... The aim of these tests is to prove the advantages of curved and steeper approach procedures in the vicinity of airports.... During test flights the criteria 'flight track adherence' and 'noise emission' will be especially intensively observed and subsequently evaluated.... "The partners involved hope to make an important contribution to greater efficiency and to quieter landing and take-off procedures with this investigation".

<http://www.airport-world.com/news/general-news/5644-frankfurt-approach.html>

### India

- **NGT asks for night flying restrictions in airports to reduce noise pollution**

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Ministry of Civil Aviation and aviation regulator DGCA to provide data on domestic and international flights at IGI Airport with details of their departure and arrivals.... A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar also directed the government to file note on the mitigating steps taken by it to notify noise-level standards for airport noise zones within two weeks.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/ngt-asks-for-night-flying-restrictions-in-airports-to-reduce-noise-pollution-igi-delhi-indira-gandhi-international-airport-2918978/>

### United Kingdom

- **Whitcrook, Linnvale and Drumry residents want solutions to Glasgow Airport noise giving them sleepless**

Rather than scrapping the air passenger duty (APD), the tax should be used to protect Clydebank residents under the flight path from being "bombarded" by noise, say campaigners.... At Clydebank East Community Council last week, campaigners said they had no opposition in principle to lowering or scrapping APD paid by flyers. But if kept, a portion of the money could be used to insulate homes from the jet sounds.

[http://www.clydebankpost.co.uk/news/14428128.Glasgow\\_Airport\\_flightpath\\_residents\\_want\\_air\\_passenger\\_duty\\_compensation/](http://www.clydebankpost.co.uk/news/14428128.Glasgow_Airport_flightpath_residents_want_air_passenger_duty_compensation/)

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- **Heathrow Airport 'to cut night flights and noise levels' in ongoing push for third runway**

London's Heathrow Airport has renewed its pledge to curb night flights and reduce noise levels in a bid to secure approval to build a third runway. The UK's busiest and biggest airport also said it would accept any government decision against building a fourth runway in the future, adding it would not increase capacity unless it could do so while continuing to be compliant with European Union air-quality limits.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/heathrow-airport-cut-night-flights-noise-levels-ongoing-push-third-runway-1559473>

- **Legal action launched in St Albans to fight noise from Luton Airport**

Solicitors who led a successful High Court challenge against the expansion of Heathrow Airport six years ago have been engaged to help fight noise from Luton Airport.... Peter Hutchison, of Fishpool Street in St Albans, has hired Harrison Grant to help stymie the increase in planes flying across densely populated parts of the city.

[https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/legal\\_action\\_launched\\_to\\_fight\\_noise\\_from\\_luton\\_airport\\_1\\_4531852&ct=ga&cd=CAEYBioTODI1NDc3ODcyMTIyNTUxMTI2MzlaOTMwM2M1YWY1YWVlODhmOTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNE\\_YIH5BGCj5kSL29J9eOsNrKvwTA](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/legal_action_launched_to_fight_noise_from_luton_airport_1_4531852&ct=ga&cd=CAEYBioTODI1NDc3ODcyMTIyNTUxMTI2MzlaOTMwM2M1YWY1YWVlODhmOTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNE_YIH5BGCj5kSL29J9eOsNrKvwTA)

- **Night restrictions on Dublin Airport runway may be lifted**

Night flight restrictions in An Bord Pleanála's planning approval for a new runway at Dublin airport may be set aside after EU legislation comes into force this month.... An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for a second main runway at the airport in 2007 with 31 conditions - two of which were of particular concern to the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), which manages the airport. The first was that neither the new runway nor the existing main runway would be open between 11pm and 7am. The second condition of concern was that flights at the airport's other runways would be subject to "a limit of 65 movements" between the hours of 11pm and 7am. EU regulation 598/14 calls for a "balanced approach" to noise reduction by encouraging the use of quieter aircraft, improving land-use planning around airfields, imposing quieter airport ground operations and – in some cases – limiting overnight flights.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/night-restrictions-on-dublin-airport-runway-may-be-lifted-1.2670591>