

Information on Manchester airport flight routes Jan 2017

This is a summary of a presentation given by W Sinfield of Manchester Airport Community Relations to the Parish Council on 21 Nov.

Manchester Airport flies 25 million passengers but aims to grow to 40 million. It is having a 10 year £1Bn project to expand Terminal 2, the apron areas and taxi ways in order allow better connections between the runways and terminals. This will allow greater efficiency in the airplane traffic movements on the ground and it is expected to be complete by 2026 with the first airlines using the new facilities by 2020.

Changing to satellite navigation in aircraft, is a part of a national change to introduce improved efficiency of aircraft movements worldwide. This will give more efficient departures, making less noise and reducing emissions. However, it is likely to concentrate the noise on to the centre of the departure routes (current variability is +/- 1.5km from the centre).

Before making any changes there will be consultation with local communities about the airspace options. For Antrobus this means westerly departures (80% of all flights, height 5,000 feet, in the busiest months there are around 2281 departures per month, and in the winter around 1160 departures).

The Parish Council will be informed when the consultation will begin, likely spring 2017. For further information please obtain a leaflet from the Clerk or contact community.relations@manairport.co.uk.