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NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 22 January 2021

PRESENT:

Norman Elias, Chairman

Helen Bradshawe, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council

Jim Candlin, Environmental Health, Cheshire West and Chester Council

David King-Hele, Environmental Health, Wirral Council

Isobel Mason, Environmental Health, Halton Council

Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment, Liverpool Airport

Cllr Malcom Spargo, Hale Council

Bob Swann, Chairman of Consultative Committee

Secretariat

Mike Jones, Secretary

Katy Brown, Assistant Secretary

18 **APOLOGIES**

Paul Farrell of Liverpool City Council sent his apologies.

19 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members of the Sub Committee were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in connection with any item on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

20 **CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

There were no changes in membership to report but the Secretary informed the Sub-Committee that:

- (1) the Liverpool City Council Speke Garston Ward representative post which had been vacant should be decided at the next meeting of Liverpool City Council.
- (2) Alan Ascott, who represents the ARCH under the bridge organisation had been out of contact for many months since lockdown began but should be able to participate once meetings are held physically again.

21 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 23 October 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

22 **NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS**

Andrew Dutton reported a fall in passenger numbers compared to 2019, resulting in less than 10% of the usual passenger numbers. The airport remained open and was operating an average of 3 to 4 flights per day at the time of the meeting. A majority of these flights were between the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland, and a small number were freight flights.

4 complaints were received and responded to in this period. However, due to a technical problem that occurred because of the movement to remote working, up to 30 complaints were not redirected to the correct airport staff. These complaints are from the period of the last nine months. Andrew Dutton hopes to have responded to all of these complaints before the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee.

Andrew Dutton illustrated the change in airspace activity between 2019 and 2020 for the months of October, November, December, and January.

23 **AIRSPACE CHANGE**

The Airspace Change has been paused. Staff at other organisations on this project have been furloughed and will need to return to work in order for the project to progress. A start up protocol has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Airspace Change Organising Group.

24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee was provisionally scheduled for 23 April 2021 but would be confirmed after the Consultative Committee meeting scheduled for 19 February approves dates for the year.

25 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

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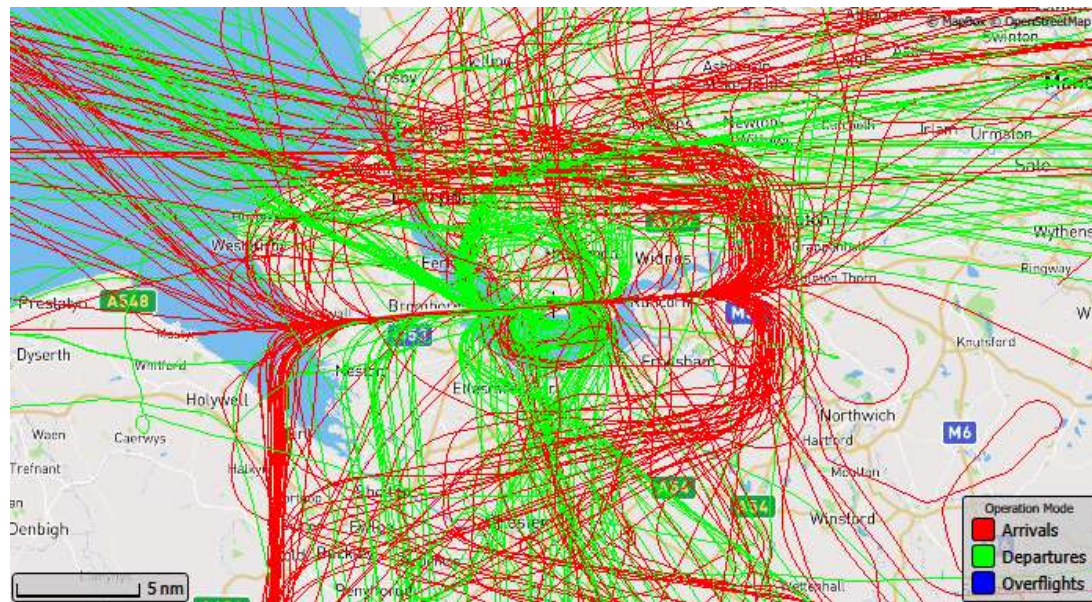
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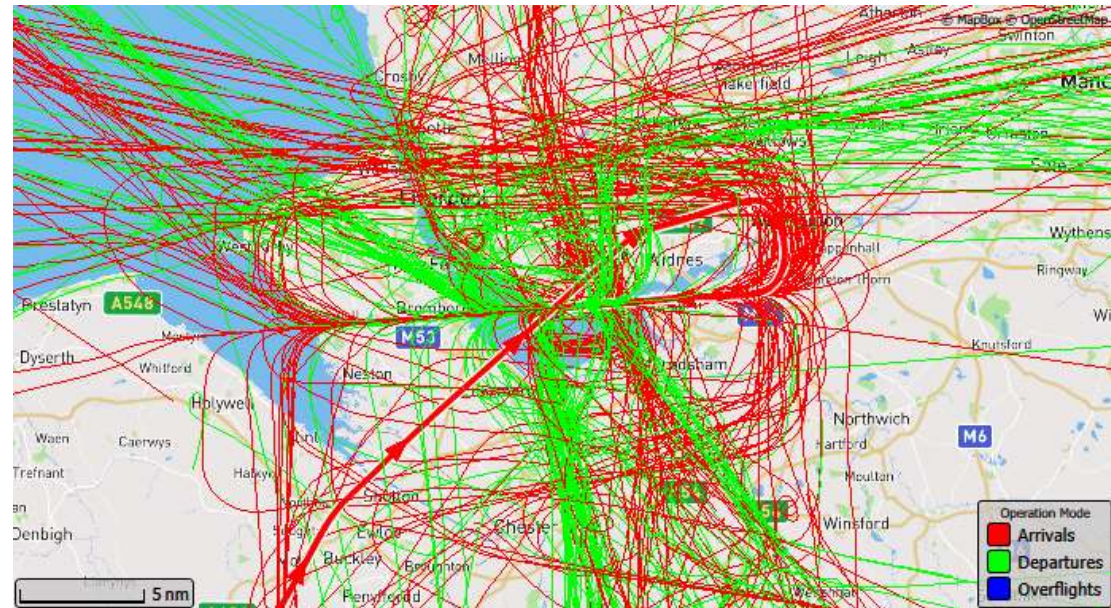
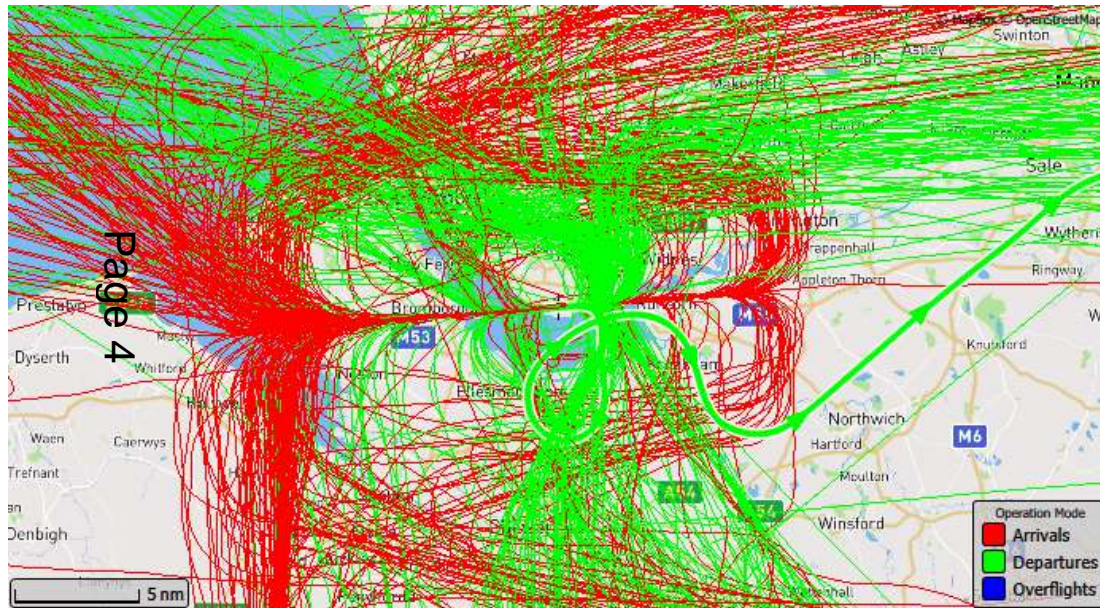
General Background

- Passenger numbers for 2020 were 1.35m, 74% down compared to 2019.
- In December passenger numbers fell to around 10% of normal levels (recently an almost complete shutdown of UK aviation).
- Continual increase in international restrictions, including:
 - International arrivals must quarantine for 10 days or if they pay for a test with a 5-day minimal period quarantine
 - Many countries introducing the need for Fit to Fly tests – private test paid for by passenger 72 hours before departure to show negative COVID result
 - Ban on many countries accepting flights from the UK following the spread of the new strain of COVID
 - Introduction of pre departure tests for COVID 72 hours before arriving in the UK
- At present on average approximately 3-4 commercial departures per day.
- The Airport remains open maintaining important services such as IOM for resident's healthcare.
- Whilst current situation expected to continue throughout national lockdown(s), our airline partners continue to plan optimistically for more normal operations in the Summer. The vaccine rollout is seen as the only way to ease travel restrictions.
- The Airport continues to maximise the flexible furlough scheme, with colleagues once again having to be placed on furlough/flexible furlough during this difficult period.
- Throughout the pandemic, in addition to maintaining vital air links for communities, we have helped the health service deliver essential supplies (PPE, vaccines) and assisted our local automotive industry with the delivery of key components. We also facilitated almost 15,000 flights with our General Aviation Partners.

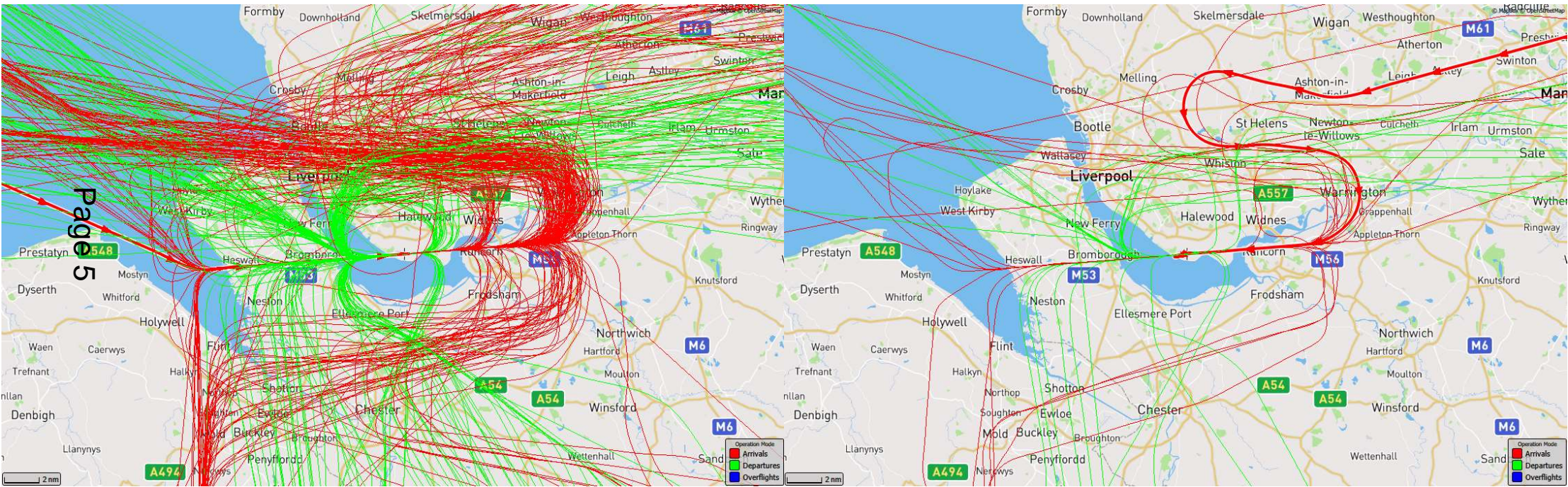
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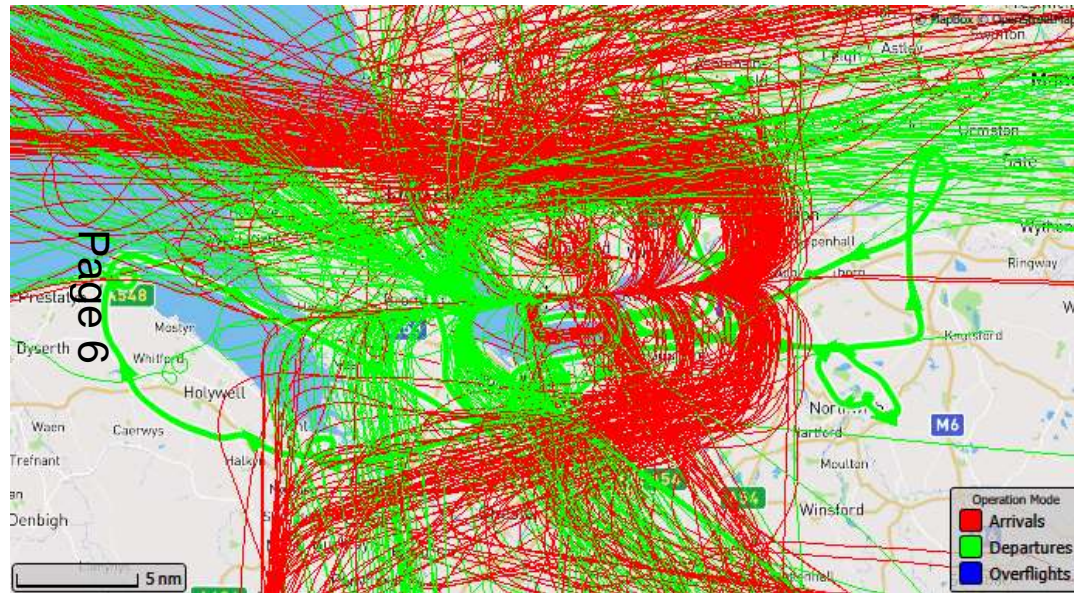
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Comparison 1 to 7 Dec 2019 & 2020



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LJLA Airspace Change Proposal

- LJLA ACP Paused
- CAA & ACOG – restart protocol developed
- <https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/>

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