

Dear Valued Customer

We have received the following information from London Luton Airport (LLA) and wanted to share this with you as soon as possible as it will affect Business Aviation operations into Luton this summer.

Noise restrictions in Summer 2019 between 2200Z and 0559Z 1st June – 30th September

The permitted night-time noise contour was exceeded in Summer 2017, not because of planned or scheduled movements but because of late running airline arrivals, and LLA is not permitted to remove these from the assessment.

Without intervention, and assuming no reduction in late running operations (despite the existence of Local Rule 1 stating that "Air Carriers are expected to make all reasonable endeavours to prevent flights scheduled outside the Night Planning period from operating within the Night Quota period), the airport predicts that the permitted noise contour footprint at night will again be exceeded in 2019. LLA is therefore imposing the following restrictions for Summer 2019;

- No ad hoc movements (non-scheduled/GA slots) will be permitted including Commercial, GA and Maintenance flights, between 2200-0559 GMT 1st June – 30th September
- No re-scheduling of existing allocated slots will be permitted from the day time 0600-2159 GMT into the night time 2200-0559 GMT 1st June – 30th September
- For Summer 2019 and all subsequent seasons no aircraft with a value greater than QC1 will be permitted to operate in the night-time period.
- No new slot applications with an aircraft QC value greater than 0.5 will be permitted between 2200 – 0559 GMT **(this only applies to series (non ad-hoc) scheduled flights EZY, WZZ etc.)**

It is most unfortunate we have to apply these restrictions as we understand and regret the impact that this will have on your operations.

However, looking ahead LLA is submitting - albeit much more slowly than we would have liked - a Section 73 Application to the Local Council to change the night noise contour restrictions. If successful, this should allow easement or even removal of these restrictions after 2019, if not later in the summer. To this end, supported by NBAA, EBAA and BBGA, we have been working closely with LLA to support their work and engage with the local council, local politicians, and the Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce to get these restrictions lifted as soon as possible.

Key customer questions answered by SFS Luton

What does this mean for me as a customer of SFS Luton?

For GA/Business Aircraft handled by SFS Luton the inbound and outbound slot booked for your flights comes from the ad-hoc pool of slots. This means that we will not have any slots available between 2200Z and 0559Z from 1st June to 30th September 2019.

I am a based tenant of SFS Luton, does this apply to me?

Unfortunately, yes, because your slots are booked from the ad-hoc pool which will not be available during the night time period.

What happens if my flight runs late or early – will there be any action taken by ACL or LLA?

Unless your flight is affected by an ATC CTOT restriction, you will need to keep to your booked arrival / departure slot time. ACL and LLA will be closely monitoring the arrival and departure times around this night time ad-hoc slot ban. If a flight arrives later than 2200Z or if it arrives earlier than 0559Z then ACL may class this as a slot infringement which will be investigated. For frequent events ACL may take sanctions against the operator.

What if my flight is working under special operations?

If you are operating a critical emergency ambulance flight or a transplant flight, please contact SFS Luton Operations on:

LTN@Signatureflight.co.uk Tel: +44 (0) 1582 724182

We will need the details of why the flight is being classed as an emergency flight and we will work with LLA Operations to see if the flight can be approved.

Can I use LTN as a divert location?

Yes, providing this is a genuine divert. (Weather, Medical, Emergency) Please note, all divers will be reviewed by LLA.

What alternative airport options do I have?

If it is not possible to schedule your flight before or after this night time ad-hoc slot ban then other alternative SFS locations are:

SFS Gatwick

24hrs airport but Slots & Parking required in advance

<https://www.signatureflight.com/locations/lgw>

Tel: +44 (0) 1293 569000

Email: LGW@Signatureflight.co.uk

Call out available upon request

SFS Biggin Hill

0630L to 2300L Mon to Fri

0800L to 2200L Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays

<https://www.signatureflight.com/locations/bqh>

Tel: +44 (0) 1959 577027

Email: BQH@Signatureflight.co.uk

SFS Birmingham

24hrs airport but slots & parking required in advance

<https://www.signatureflight.com/locations/bhx>

Tel: +44 (0) 121 7821999

Email: BHX@Signatureflight.co.uk

SFS East Midlands

24hrs airport parking required in advance

<https://www.signatureflight.com/locations/ema>

Tel: +44 (0) 1332 811179

Email: EMA@Signatureflight.co.uk

SFS Shannon - Good for Transatlantic Fuel Stops

24hrs airport – handling request required in advance

<https://www.signatureflight.com/locations/snn>

Tel: +353 (0) 6147 5444

Email: SNN@Signatureflight.ie

Our team at SFS Luton understand how inconvenient this night time ad-hoc slot ban is.

During the busy summer season we will endeavour to help and advise you to ensure the least amount of disruption to your operation as possible.

If you wish to speak with someone in person to discuss this LLA night time ad-hoc slot ban, please contact the below key personnel.

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