

Peover Superior Parish Newsletter



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Future Flightpath Changes could affect Over Peover

Manchester Airport is preparing to review and change flight paths for arriving and departing aircraft in response to the UK Airspace Modernisation Strategy. They are currently carrying out a process whereby they are asking those affected by the airport's business, 'stakeholders' to give their views on the principles the airport should consider when designing new flight paths. This process has involved focus groups to discuss design principles that the airport will adopt as they move through the modernisation project.

The method being used to understand the stakeholders' views is through a series of questions created by Manchester airport, which were put to the focus groups by You Gov, and could be accessed on line by the general public at manchesterairport.co.uk/designquestions

However, while this information had been put on the Over Peover website in September, the closing date for the collection of views was 6th October. It should be noted that the airport publication 'Be Part of the Conversation' explaining the process and the need for change was only issued in August, leaving minimal time for action.

Below is a copy of a document created by Barry Wienholdt and Glynn Heselwood, that provides history on previous airport discussions, clarity on the current issue, and suggestions on how to send your views to the airport now that the deadline for online comment is closed. We are indebted to them for their contributions.

If you are concerned about the possibility of increased aircraft noise over our village, please act now.

Thank you to Barry Wienholdt and Glynn Heselwood for the article below.

“NEW FLIGHT PATHS BEING PLANNED”

Manchester Airport are reviewing their departure routes as part of a Government Programme to “modernise” airspace across the UK.

As you may know, Over Peover lies under a departure route originally described as “The Green Corridor” which was to be restricted to “slower Propeller aircraft only”. However, after receiving planning consent for Runway 2 on this basis the Airport has made gradual but significant changes to this restriction.

To – “Propeller and Light Jets” - Green Corridor

Then – it added jets weighing up to 33 tonnes and BAC 146's to their definition “light jets”

Then – it changed the designation of “the Green Corridor” to merely “Corridor”

Then – changed this designation to “Aircraft Limited by Type”

Then - changed the colour of the “corridor” from Green to Blue on its flight path data sheet.

All of these subtle but deliberate changes were made by the Airport without consultation and indeed, despite strong opposition from Over Peover residents who were unhappy about these changes.

However, despite all these changes our airspace has remained relatively quiet so far.

BUT WE MUST BE VIGILANT TO ENSURE THAT THE AIRPORT DOES NOT USE THIS LATEST REVIEW TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON AIRCRAFT TYPE TO ENABLE THEM TO SEND LARGER, HEAVIER AND NOISIER JETS OVER US!

MANCHESTER AIRPORT'S REVIEW

Manchester Airport is now undertaking a review of the “principles” it will consider when designing new departure routes and is posing questions along the following lines

- Should we continue with current arrangements – or should we create new routes.

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- Should we fly over new areas.
- Should we concentrate flight paths to affect fewer people – or should we spread our flight paths which will affect more people.
- Should we fly the most direct routes even if this means flying over more people.
- etc.etc.

The Airport's Questionnaire can be found at :-

www.manchesterairport.co.uk/designquestions

Presenting their questions in this way could have the effect of constraining responder's views - and serve to exclude views which find none of the options offered as acceptable.

Manchester Airport say that, at this time, they are only consulting on general principles but it is clear that they envisage changes being made. At recent "Focus Groups" the Airport has said that many of the routes are 60 years old when in fact the present departure routes were established only when the new Runway 2 came into operation in 2002.

(In any event what is wrong with long established routes? Would anyone suggest moving the M1 or M6 Motorways just because they were designed 60 years ago)?

WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?

Residents who are concerned about the risk of Over Peover losing its present restricted designation should **write to the Airport now politely reminding them of the fact that the flight paths over our Village** (Listo 2Y and Listo 2R) **are and should remain restricted to Propeller and Light Jets only** and should not be used for larger, heavier and noisier aircraft.

Manchester Airport should abide by the statements it made to obtain planning permission for Runway two – and continue to honour its commitment that the flight path over South Knutsford, Ollerton and Over Peover is :-

A GREEN CORRIDOR RESTRICTED TO PROPELLER AND LIGHT JETS ONLY

Below is a list of points which could be made, together with the Address to which you should write.

1. Over Peover lies under the "Green Corridor" which is restricted to Propeller and Light Jets – daytime only 6.00 – 22.00 hours.
2. Planning Permission for Runway 2 was granted following Manchester Airports statement set out in 1. above.
3. The designation of aircraft which might use this route should therefore not be changed.
4. In 2002 Manchester Airport announced that in the light of "feedback from the watchdog Technical Advisory Group, local MPs and hundreds of local people" the possibility of widening the range of aircraft using this green route was discounted.
5. Manchester Airport previously said that it would continue the Airport's policy that people had a right to discover, before they moved into an area, how they might be affected by over-flying aircraft.
 - Accordingly, it can be argued that no changes should be made by the Airport which would undermine the validity of any decision to move into, or remain in, a particular area.
6. Larger jets leaving Runway 2 should continue to use the long established and well accepted route to the North of Knutsford and not fly over south and east Knutsford, Ollerton and Over Peover.
7. The Airport's consultation period on this issue to 6th October 2019 is far too short and should be extended.
8. Further, the Airport's 10 questions with their lengthy preambles are not suitable for obtaining clear and unambiguous views, and full weight should be given to all the more specific comments they receive.
9. If you do complete the Airport's Questionnaire, you could use the "comments" boxes to state that Listo 2y and 2R should continue to be reserved solely for propellers and light jets.

Address your letter to

Manchester Airport Community Relations
 Manchester Airport
 Manchester M90 1QX

Or, email

Community_relations@manairport.co.uk

Please ask for an acknowledgement of your letter/email to ensure it has been registered.

Parish Council Response

Over Peover Parish Council has approached neighbouring parishes to establish a Neighbourhood Forum to consider a concerted approach and would welcome input from concerned residents who have the interest and expertise to contribute to the campaign. The Council has also submitted the following response to Manchester Airport.

Proposed changes to the flightpaths at Manchester Airport - consultation

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Over Peover to state our views on your proposals.

In the first place we consider that the time allocated to the initial consultation, with a cut-off date of 6th October is inadequate. This is an extremely busy time of year for many families getting back from their holidays and settling children into the new school year. Older residents and those without children often take their holiday in September and October to avoid the more expensive months; a consultation period in September and one week of October is therefore likely to find many residents preoccupied or away from home and we would therefore strongly request that you extend the time for responses.

We would also take issue with your initial questionnaire which contains questions which are not precise and therefore open to interpretations which could be quite different from the answer intended by the respondent.

Our initial objections to the possibility of significant overhaul of the existing flightpaths are as follows:

1. Planning permission was granted for Manchester Airport's Second Runway, after a full consultation process had taken place including a public inquiry, on the basis that the flightpath over us would be a 'Green Corridor' giving access to propeller and light jets only. This restriction has been unilaterally eroded by Manchester Airport in the ensuing years. Manchester Airport should be required to abide by the undertakings that they made when planning permission was granted, otherwise the whole basis of the planning system is undermined.

2. It is Manchester Airport's policy that people have a right to discover, before they move into an area, how they might be affected by over-flying aircraft.

Accordingly, it must be right that no changes should be made by the Airport which would undermine the validity of any decision to move into, or remain in, a particular area. Otherwise the 'right' upheld by Manchester Airport would be nugatory.

Therefore, it is our contention that larger jets leaving Runway 2 should continue to use the long established and well accepted route to the North of Knutsford and not fly over south and east Knutsford, Ollerton and Over Peover where residents have made decisions based on the flightpath information provided at the time they moved into the area. It is very likely that during the years the airport has been in operation and also in the period since Runway 2 was commissioned, the majority of houses in the area will have changed hands. The purchasers will have made their decisions to purchase based on information available at the time, either by contacting Manchester Airport directly or by carrying out their own research or through local knowledge. Some will have taken great pains to avoid areas where aircraft noise would be a problem to them, others will have decided that airport noise did not weigh so heavily in their decision making and other factors outweighed the detriment caused by the flightpaths. Any change would make a nonsense of residents' careful planning of what is usually the most expensive purchase of one's lifetime and would also render the airport's policy of providing accurate information to local residents and prospective residents wholly misleading. Residents of Over Peover, in response to the Parish Plan questionnaire conducted in 2006 and the Neighbourhood Plan survey which took place in March 2018, showed that they particularly value the tranquillity of their surroundings and from this it is reasonable to assume that aircraft noise is likely to have been a highly significant factor in motivating residents when considering moving to or remaining in the village of Over Peover.

3. The consultation refers to improved efficiency. We would like to point out that whereas seeking more direct routes might appear to be more efficient when considering Manchester Airport's operations in isolation, it is not the case when the knock-on effects on those trying to live and work under the flightpath are factored in. We should be interested to know the basis upon which 'efficiency' will be measured for this consultation. Flight time is only a part of total journey time. More savings can be made by reducing time through security, immigration and baggage reclaim than by altering flight paths, which would have the added advantage of also immeasurably improving passengers' experience. Co2 savings can be made by encouraging people to take the train to the airport rather than making individual car journeys. Even greater savings of Co2 emissions can be made by encouraging passengers to take the train rather than fly for domestic journeys, still further savings could be made by capping or even reducing Manchester Airport's activities, which already impinge excessively upon the local population.

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and include it in your database of communications for this and future parts of the consultation process.



BARCLAYS A meeting was held with Barclay's officials to see about improving communication between the village and the parish. We discussed possible extension of residents' use of the Radbroke facilities and traffic through the village. The Barclay's representatives assured the councillors that they would make every effort to improve communications with the village and would investigate the possibility of residents making use of additional facilities and attending events within the complex. It was agreed that regular meetings should be held to discuss matters affecting the village. The Parish Council is awaiting future meeting dates. If you have any items which you would like discussed please notify the Clerk.



OVER PEOVER WI



GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We meet in the Village Hall at **7.30pm on the last Thursday of the month.**

Our meetings are friendly, and we have interesting speakers. It's a great way to chat to new people and catch up with friends. Outside the meetings, we organise a variety of activities including monthly walks, craft groups and trips out to really interesting places.

You don't need to be a member to join the activities and you can come to the monthly meeting as a guest a couple of times with no obligation.

Interested? Check out the village notice boards for more details or contact June Leach

Tel: **07500 250969** Email: june_leach48@yahoo.co.uk

Over Peover Speedwatch

The Over Peover Speedwatch team has been out monitoring the speed of traffic through our parish. We are looking for more volunteers who have a couple of hours to spare every month or so. Full training and high-viz jackets are provided.

If you can help or would like further information, please contact the parish clerk.



Over Peover CC versus The Dog at Summer Big Bash raising over £1000



As the summer closes out, it brings to an end a good season for Over Peover Cricket Club. The first team finished strongly to end up mid table in Division 3. The Second team had a tough year but many juniors played their first adult matches and developed through the year; a positive sign for the future of the club. The key success of the season was the growth of the juniors - 40 boys and girls at training each week and games played at under 13, under 11 and under 9. Next year will see this continue plus the addition of a girls' team. Thanks to all who supported throughout the season through playing, attending the fundraiser or coming down to watch - see you next year.

Find out more at www.overpeovercc.co.uk



As another summer draws to a close, the Parish Council would like to express its very sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Stobart for the outstanding contribution they have made to the community through their upkeep of the Parish Field. Little did we know, when they offered to take on this project, that they were intending not simply to keep it neat and tidy for us but to transform it completely so that it has really become a beauty spot in its own right and its reputation has spread far and wide. It has been a joy to see families taking advantage of the beautiful surroundings to play football, use the play equipment and have picnics. The new, smaller goal posts have been particularly enjoyed by the youngsters.

The Parish Council believes we speak for all residents when we say that we are most grateful for their kindness and generosity and we are all very proud to have such a delightful facility in our village.



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OVER PEOVER

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

3 R D N O V E M B E R

ALL SAINTS DAY
SERVICE 9:30 AM



1 0 T H N O V E M B E R

REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE 9:30 AM

C H U R C H S E R V I C E S

AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, PEOVER
PARK EVERY SUNDAY
9:30 AM

ALL VERY WELCOME



3 0 T H N O V E M B E R

CHRISTMAS FAIR
2:00 PM

FATHER CHRISTMAS IN ATTENDANCE
STALLS, PLANTS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, TEA & CAKE etc.
(At Village Hall)



2 2 N D D E C E M B E R

9 LESSONS & CAROLS
6:30 PM
REFRESHMENTS

C H R I S T M A S E V E

CRIB SERVICE
4:00 PM



8 T H D E C E M B E R

CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE
4:00 PM
(Opposite Parkgate Inn)
REFRESHMENTS



C H R I S T M A S D A Y

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
COMMUNION
9:30 AM

1 2 T H D E C E M B E R

OVER PEOVER SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE
5:00 PM

W I S H I N G E V E R Y O N E A
H A P P Y & H E A L T H Y
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Village information and events can be found at www.overpeover.com
or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Overpeover