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**NATS Departure Route Proposal at London Stansted Airport.  
Proposal to change existing departure routes from Stansted, heading east, from  
the Dover SID to the Clacton SID.**

The documents provided by NATS on this consultation show flight paths but no indication of noise levels. Great Hallingbury is the nearest village affected by aircraft departing from Runway 22 and we therefore accept that noise levels here will be higher than other villages along the flight path.

Back in June 2001 when it was proposed that the turn point should be changed from 1.5m to 1.0m, there was much debate among the villages of Hatfield Broad Oak, Hatfield Heath, Little Hallingbury and Great Hallingbury. Great Hallingbury Parish Council made the decision to agree to the change for the good of our neighbouring villages, even though it meant more noise over our own village. This declaration was made through the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils, and on conditional assurance from Stansted Airport Limited that every endeavour would be made to centralise aircraft along the NPR line.

Since that time there has been a massive increase in air traffic. The centre of the NPR on both Clacton and Dover routes varies little actually over Great Hallingbury, however the problem is that aircraft on the Clacton route invariably turn early and fly to the east of the NPR flying directly over houses in our village. If all departures from Runway 22 fly over the Clacton route, the law of averages says that more aircraft will stray from that centre swathe and fly over our houses, clearly at low altitude where noise levels are high.

Great Hallingbury Parish Council therefore find that they are unable to support this proposal which may result in further blight on our village and community.

We understand that Government Policy is to limit and, where possible, reduce the number of people affected by aircraft noise in the UK.

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