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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.

Little Hallingbury is one of the nearest villages affected by aircraft departing from Runway 22 and we note that the documents show the flight paths, but do not refer to the resulting change in noise levels.

Having been provided with a study of flight paths for one day - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 - it is clear that, as has been observed, aircraft on the Dover route are flying west of the NPR and over the densely populated Wrights Green area. In theory therefore, Little Hallingbury should fare better if more day time traffic use the Clacton route, but this will only be an improvement if aircraft keep to the centre of the NPR. This would be best achieved if all aircraft use the same way points as on the current trial.

Taking into account the above, and the reasons for the proposal in the NATS document, my Council have no reason to object to the change. However, we must trust that the proposal would be in line with Government Policy to limit and, where possible, reduce the number of people affected by aircraft noise in the UK.

Mrs Freda Townsend, Clerk to Little Hallingbury Parish Council.