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CAMPAIGNERS BRAND NIGHT FLIGHTS CONSULTATION 'A MISSED OPPORTUNITY'

Campaigners have branded the consultation on night flights (1) issued yesterday by the Department for Transport as "a missed opportunity". The three month consultation covers proposals for Heathrow, Stansted and Gatwick for the next few years and asks for views for the night flight regime at all airports post-2024.

But campaigners from airports across the country have banded together to call for night flights to be banned.

GACC chairman Peter Barclay said, "We are disappointed that the Government is just tinkering at the edges. Post-Covid this was the chance to take a good, hard look at the need for night flights and to put people's health and well-being ahead of cheap flights. We will be asking the government to think again."

Last month representatives of nearly twenty community and environmental organisations wrote to the Aviation Minister, Robert Courts, asking for a ban on night flights.

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Notes for Editors:

(1). https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-between-2022-and-2024-plus-future-night-flight-policy?utm_source=f9f3923c-3fc9-41ca-9dbf-033b6e0a9238&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

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GACC's aims are to protect and improve the environment in the vicinity of Gatwick Airport and to diminish any wider environmental impact of its operations, with particular regard to noise, congestion, air quality, light pollution and climate change.