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Dear Iain

Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund Board

In November 2009, Glasgow Airport undertook a full public consultation exercise on proposals to mitigate the impact of airport related noise on the most affected areas.

There were two elements to the proposed package:

First, a new Noise Insulation Scheme for residential properties within the 66 decibel contour area identified by the CAA noise contour map. This proposal brings Glasgow Airport into line with similar schemes already in place at Gatwick and Stansted airports, and soon to be introduced at Edinburgh Airport. Local politicians have previously expressed their desire for this type of scheme to be introduced.

In addition, because few properties fall within the 66 decibel contour area at Glasgow Airport, the consultation also proposed to establish an independent 'Flightpath Fund' board to oversee the distribution of Glasgow Airport's community funding. This is set to rise to around £150,000 in 2010.

We proposed then that membership of the Flightpath Fund board be drawn from local community representatives, giving local people a greater say in how Glasgow Airport's community fund is spent. A significant majority (95%) of respondents to the consultation exercise either agreed or strongly agreed that creating such a body was a good idea. Following such a resounding endorsement, we are now keen to establish the board as soon as possible.

In order to ensure the Flightpath Fund board is both accountable and reflects the airport's "zone of influence", we propose that the membership should be drawn from the local authority areas of Renfrewshire, West Dunbartonshire, Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire, with one member from each area. The BAA Communities Trust and Glasgow Airport will provide another two members and Renfrewshire Council's external funding officer has also been invited to join the board.

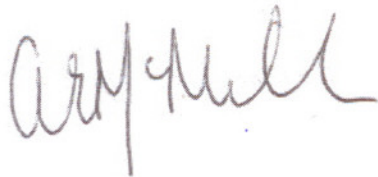


I am therefore writing to request that you nominate one representative and one deputy from West Dunbartonshire to join the Flightpath Fund board. The representatives can be elected members, council officers, community councillors or anyone else you consider suitable. I would however ask that the nominated representatives have some interest in airport related issues and perhaps some experience of funding activities. Board members will be appointed for a period of one year, with meetings taking place monthly.

If you require further information, please contact Ann Maclachlan on 0141 848 4387.

I do hope that West Dunbartonshire will support our initiative and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda McMillan', written in a cursive style.

Amanda McMillan
Managing Director, Glasgow Airport

cc. David McMillan