

Noise Action Plan (draft)

Current noise fining procedures

Noise monitors and noise fining

Aircraft flying to and from Edinburgh Airport are monitored by three permanent and fixed noise monitoring stations located at Cramond, Uphall/Broxburn and Livingston. There are maximum allowed levels for daytime noise (06:00-23:30) and night time noise (23:30-06:00) – these are 94 dBA L_{max} and 87 dBA L_{max} respectively. Flights must not exceed these levels and airlines are fined for all exceedances. This is a voluntary policy introduced by Edinburgh Airport to mitigate against noise nuisance in our communities.

All money received from fines is donated to our Community Board for distribution to local good causes.

Placement of noise monitors

Fixed site noise monitors are positioned at 6.5km from start of roll (the point in the runway where a flight begins its departure); the monitors record levels for both departing and arriving aircraft at these fixed positions.

The positioning of the noise monitors is in accordance with a detailed scientific study carried out for the Department for Transport (DfT) by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Edinburgh Airport follows this guidance along with Glasgow, Heathrow, Gatwick and Bristol airports amongst others.

Further information on all CAA scientific studies can be found on the CAA website.