

# Noise Action Plan (draft)

## Ground noise and engine running

We recognise that ground noise can also cause significant disturbance to the local community. For that reason, although not required under the Environment Noise Directive, we will continue to seek to address this through operating practices.

Engine running is an essential part of airport operations. Engines need to be tested for safety reasons and engine runs form part of the maintenance programme for aircraft. We understand that this noise can cause disturbance to local residents and therefore adopt certain measures to reduce the impact on the community.

We do not allow engine testing during the night unless exceptional circumstances require us to do so. High power engine running takes place to the south east of the airfield which is the furthest location from any residential properties. Other engine testing generally takes place on the aircraft stands.

All ground engine runs are subject to prior approval by Airside Operations and Air Traffic Control. Permission for ground runs at the following days and times will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances.

**MONDAY – FRIDAY 2301-0559**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2301-0859**

In order to help our community better understand our engine running requirements, we included a specific action within our draft NAP to report on the frequency and times of engine running through our quarterly report to EACC. We propose to maintain this communication.