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**Friends of
the Earth**

EAST MIDLANDS

Dear DEMAND,

Communities in the East Midlands region have long suffered the debilitating effects of aircraft noise at night, often depriving them of a proper restorative sleep and potentially having serious health consequences. As Nottingham East Midlands Airport attempts to drive through its ambitious plans for expansion, undoubtedly thousands more people across the region will experience and suffer this intrusive noise for the first time.

As a result East Midlands Friends of the Earth feels that it is vital that stringent controls and restrictions are put in place to limit night-time flying and therefore restrict the impact that this noise has upon local communities across the region and beyond. In the long term Friends of the Earth believes that night flights should be banned across Europe.

East Midlands Friends of the Earth are pleased to support this campaign to bring NEMA within the regulated airports. Round-the-clock noise generated by aircraft using NEMA's controlled airspace is already beyond endurance for many populations under this umbrella, it is time for this situation to be addressed before thousands more are exposed to the misery of night-time noise,

Yours sincerely

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