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Dear Mr Charlish

Thank you for your letter of the 4th July. It is indeed regrettable that communications between us should open with a complaint about an incident in the early hours of Saturday 2nd July.

An investigation of our radar recordings has identified a Boeing 757 at an altitude of 5,700 feet over Kings Norton, en route to Nottingham East Midlands at the time you have reported. The aircraft was operated by European Air Transport and had originated in Cologne. I enclose a print out from our radar recording system which shows the track and height of the aircraft.

This aircraft was lower than we would normally expect over your village but could not be described as 'low flying'. I should point out that aircraft arriving at NEMA would normally be expected to be at a higher altitude, typically 7,000 feet or higher, while performing a Continuous Descent Approach. This is acknowledged as being 'best practice' as it is the quietest method of operating. However, air traffic requirements or adverse weather conditions can necessitate controlled deviation from this procedure to ensure the safe operation of the aircraft.

You can be assured that we will continue to work with airlines to make certain that aircraft are operated in a manner that minimises the impact on the communities over which they fly. For example, last year 98% of departing aircraft remained on-track, within the Noise Preferential Routes.

As I am sure you can appreciate, having only recently assumed the role of Managing Director, it has been impossible to see all those representing organisations with an interest in the Airport's activities. But if you would care to telephone my office, I hope a mutually convenient time can be found for us to meet in the near future.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely



Penny Coates
Managing Director



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