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Dear Mr Arscott,

Addendum to my letter of the 22nd March 2004 re: Concerns over the Airspace Change Process Document Civil Aviation Authority Document CAP 725 and the Airspace Charter with regard to Nottingham East Midlands Airport's Consultation Process for new airspace proposal for East Leicestershire.

I am writing to you today having finally received a reply to my previous letters of 26th February 2004 and 4th March 2004 from Neil Robinson on behalf of NEMA

The general tone of his letter appears entirely inappropriate for someone in his official position with the impression given that I am perceived as some sort of 'irritant' who has deliberately misled by technical inadequacy, my support group and the general public.

I have been made to feel that I have no right to challenge any of NEMA'S proposals both as an individual or as representative of a relevant organisation. Frequently used phrases such as, '**your concerns were unfounded**' '**as we previously explained,**' '**that you continue to misunderstand our proposals in this way is unhelpful**' '**your action group has consistently misunderstood our proposals**' give the impression that Mr Robinson feels that he has been dealing with someone who as he put it was a '**lay reader**' of his continually REVISED Airspace Plans and which have on many occasions been less than WILLINGLY FORTHCOMING.

Whilst not wishing to lower myself to Mr Robinson's level of insult regarding personal and professional competence it is with growing annoyance and concern that WORD PLAY is going on here and I am continually having to justify why I have been involved with this issue in the first instance and whether my interpretation of facts (AS SUPPLIED BY NEMA I MIGHT ADD) is accurate enough to be passed on to those members of the Public that I am representing.

Furthermore in the third paragraph Mr Robinson has made reference to a meeting of airspace users which I attended in my capacity as a balloonist, in order to negotiate the use of the new airspace (if and when introduced) and was not an open forum for the discussion of preferential noise routes, STARS and SIDs which were at that moment in time areas of information that were not revealed to me as a balloonist or as an individual member of the public.

I therefore fail to see the relevance of their criticism, apart from viewing their text as a complete smoke screen or subterfuge in argument for the benefit of yourself as arbitrator in this matter.

The very last insult comes with the continual list of unanswered questions, the replies to which will only be made available when.....' Air Traffic Services Managerresponds directly on his return from leave. As I submitted these letters way back in February of this year it does raise the question of how long the leave period is for these particular individuals.

Finally in their comments re: paragraph 2 & 3 of Mr Robinson letter regarding the delivery of my letter via Councillor Forte,' has necessitated my writing to Mr Mike Wilson, Chief Executive of Harborough District Council (HDC) in order to clarify the events that took place at the meeting between those representatives of HDC and NEMA's representatives on 24th February 2003.

It is particularly interesting to note that Mr. Wilson's letter (1st April 2004) is at a variance with Mr Robinson's statement, regarding the necessity of a reply to what is an extremely relevant and technical set of questions, where NEMA ask did I expect an individual reply? Mr Wilson whose councillors presented my questions assumed that would happen by default and not have been contemptuously dismissed as unworthy of a reply by Mr Robinson.

Mr. Wilson's response letter together with my own are included as enclosures for your attention.

In conclusion no aspect of my original letter to you has changed, but I feel that finally on receipt of this reply, you will witness an example of the prevarication that is present, when dealing with NEMA and its representatives, plus the general tone does not promote or encourage a conciliatory atmosphere.

Yours sincerely

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