

Vicki Hughes – Airport & Aviation Noise / Airspace / Sustainability Specialist

With over 30 years of professional dedication to airports and air traffic control, Vicki brings a wealth of experience and a deep-rooted commitment to shaping aviation in harmony with communities and the environment. Her expertise spans airport operations, air traffic control, airspace design, noise management, sustainability, stakeholder engagement, and innovation; making her a trusted and influential voice in aviation.

Vicki played a pivotal role in establishing Gatwick Airport's industry-leading Noise Management Board (NMB). Formed in 2016 following the 'Independent Arrivals Review', the NMB was created to address local community concerns about aircraft noise, bringing together representatives from the airport, regulators, air navigation service providers, airlines, government bodies, and community groups.

Vicki also spent 22 years at Stansted Airport as the UK's first Noise Communications Manager, responsible for setting strategy and direction for Stansted's noise management plan and leading the Flight Evaluation Unit.

Her passion extends beyond noise: Vicki is deeply committed to sustainable aviation, including circularity and the potential of hydrogen and other innovative technologies to reshape the future of airports.

Along with her work in airspace change proposals (ACPs), London Southend believes that Vicki has the right level of expertise and experience to take the CNF forward and provide a meaningful space for the local community to discuss any issues they may have about aircraft operations and noise.