



Department for Transport

Commissioner for Acoustics and Aviation Noise

Location: Guildford (Woking following office move in Summer 2019)

Start date: Summer 2019

Length of appointment: 24 months initially

Time commitment: Anticipated time commitment of c.2 days per month

Remuneration: £12,000 per annum

The Department for Transport is seeking an individual to serve as a Commissioner of the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN), a body which is being established to become a credible and authoritative voice on civil aviation noise issues.

The Commissioner for Acoustics and Aviation Noise will work with the Head Commissioner, steering and developing the overall work of the Commission. The Commissioner will be required to work approximately two days per month, while maintaining sufficient flexibility to respond to additional ad hoc duties. They will also represent ICCAN and promote its strategy and overall direction.

ICCAN is seeking a candidate with a high level of expertise in the field of acoustics and aviation noise, to direct the development of the Commission's scientific evidence base – with particular emphasis around the impact of aviation noise on communities. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate evidence of providing independent and pragmatic advice and a track record of dealing with senior representatives of industry, communities, academia, and policy-makers. A track record of achieving results and providing strategic vision to contribute to the leadership of a high-profile public organisation is also highly desirable for this role.

The Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise is an independent body that is being established to:

- Be a credible and authoritative voice on aviation noise issues;
- Allow communities to have a greater stake in the processes which will create noise changes;
- Make processes which change aviation noise impacts balance the needs of all parties in a better and more transparent way;
- Increase the public's confidence in the noise data published by the aviation industry and in the impartiality of the airspace change process;
- Challenge industry to enhance its approach where necessary on assessing and mitigating noise impacts and engaging communities;

- Maintaining independence by testing and challenging all opinions to seek best outcomes and building trusted relationships between all parties involved in Aviation changes;
- Ensure improved relations and trust underpin local decision making on noise controls; and
- Advise the Secretary of State for Transport in his role with regards to noise within strategically significant decisions.

It is envisioned that the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise will advise on the best noise management techniques and on the accessibility of noise information. It will verify noise forecasts and noise data and influence proposals through best practice guidance. It will monitor and quality assure airports' noise measurements and reporting.

ICCAN is expected to publish and promote best practice guidance including on noise management, engagement on noise issues, use of enforcement tools, and the role of conciliation in disputes.

It is also anticipated that ICCAN will review recent research and where gaps in evidence exist, undertake or commission independent research.

ICCAN will consist of a total of five commissioners. It is led by a Head Commissioner, Robert Light who was appointed in autumn 2018, supported by four further Commissioners. This recruitment process is in place to appoint the final Commissioner to that team.

Further background information can be found at: [Consultation Response on the UK Airspace Policy](#) and at ICCAN's page on the .GOV website here: [Link](#)

Further information about this appointment, including how to apply, the job role and person specification, may be found by contacting the Department for Transport: philip.mann@dft.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is **Monday 3rd June 2019**.

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