

Dear all

I am delighted to be able to share even more good news with you - easyJet has just agreed to bring forward - by two years - the timing of its modification programme of its older A320 aircraft based at Gatwick (please see attached letter from its Chief Executive, Carolyn McCall).

As you are aware, they had, after some months of pressing them on this issue, agreed to modify all of their older A320 planes by March 2018. I thought that this wasn't quick enough, so I asked to meet Carolyn McCall to see if they could carry out the work any faster. I am pleased to say that after I relayed concerns of constituents living under the Gatwick flightpath, she committed to doing everything that she can to help ease the situation, including modifying the Gatwick fleet by June 2016.

I also took the opportunity to tell Carolyn McCall about the impact that the movement of the Gatwick flightpath has had on our local area. Whilst this is not within the gift of EasyJet to change, she did agree to raise this matter with the National Air Traffic Service (NATS).

I have also requested a meeting with the Chief Executive of NATS specifically on this issue as I think more can be done to disperse flights over a wider area.

With best wishes

Greg