



Town of Hull



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TOWN OF HULL POLICY STATEMENT

On September 29, 2016 the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hull voted to endorse the following policy objectives regarding the excessive noise generated over the Hull peninsula by commercial aircraft operating out of Logan International Airport. The Board of Selectmen respectfully requests that the recommendations enumerated below be thoughtfully considered as a mechanism to improve the quality of life for the residents of Hull and adjoining south shore communities.

The Board of Selectmen offers these recommendations in the spirit of collaboration and coordination with all parties in an effort to improve the current situation. The Board feels that the actions outlined below represent a common sense approach that can achieve a reasonable balance for all interests.

LOGAN AIRPORT NOISE RELIEF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HULL, MASSACHUSETTS

OVERVIEW

The town of Hull, Massachusetts shoulders a significant noise burden, both day and night, from an ever-increasing number of Logan Airport flights departing Runway 22R and Runway 15R and arriving on Runway 33L. Additionally, Runway 33L (arrivals) / 15R (departures) is the preferred runway for overnight flights that disrupt the sleep of families living in our community.

However... because Hull is a peninsula uniquely situated between three large bodies of water, our geography provides opportunities for noise relief by *adjusting flight paths over water instead of homes*. For the sake of our future health and well-being, the people and elected officials of Hull respectfully urge Massport and the Federal Aviation Administration to adopt the following recommendations:

LOGAN AIRPORT DEPARTURES

Hull requests that the flight paths (i.e. RNAVs) of planes departing Runway 22R and Runway 15R be shifted *further from Hull's shoreline and over the Boston Harbor Islands on a pre-*

2012 flight track, turning sooner after takeoff and flying at higher altitudes while crossing Boston Harbor. For over fifty years, using less-precise methods of navigation, commercial aircraft flew this track without incident. Now, with the implementation of the NextGen Air Transportation System, planes have the ability to fly with dramatically increased precision, further reducing safety concerns for passengers.

Accordingly, Hull also requests a common-sense *relaxation of the 3 nautical mile flight path separation rule*, especially as it relates to overnight and early morning departures when Logan airspace is clear of arriving traffic. If departing flights continue to overfly and skirt the Hull peninsula, our residents will continue to suffer interrupted sleep, a scientifically proven health concern. **This requested modification is a health-related imperative.**

LOGAN AIRPORT ARRIVALS

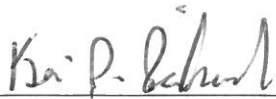
Hull requests that, whenever feasible, Logan arrivals that might otherwise use Runway 33L be routed, instead, to a flight path with *continuous descent over the Atlantic Ocean and Boston Harbor, preferably north of Boston Lighthouse*. With aircraft following this alternate track, Hull families living beneath the 33L corridor would benefit from noise relief (especially during the overnight hours), as would residents in Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham; towns that also serve as gateways for the 33L approach.

SUMMATION

The town of Hull believes these recommendations offer a viable path toward mitigating aircraft noise over the Hull peninsula without affecting neighboring towns, and further demonstrates the willingness of Massport and the Federal Aviation Administration to explore plausible solutions that reduce the impact of air and noise pollution on communities like ours.

If you have any questions, comments or need further information please do not hesitate to contact Hull Town Manager Phil Lemnios at 781-925-2000 or via email at Plemnios@Town.Hull.MA.US. Thank you.

Sincerely and On Behalf of the Hull Board of Selectmen,



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