



## Gatwick Airport Noise Insulation Scheme

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### Background

The Gatwick Airport Noise Insulation Scheme was originally a voluntary BAA initiative, with Everest being the preferred supplier, intended to provide acoustic insulation (secondary or double glazing) to residential properties in close proximity to the Airport that were subjected to specific levels of aircraft noise.

These noise thresholds were determined using DfT/CAA noise contours and also informed by noise levels used at other BAA Airports – namely Heathrow and Stansted. These contours and the boundaries they represent were agreed following DfT and local consultation, including GATCOM.

Eligible residents can qualify under either the Day or Night scheme, depending which noise contour their property lies within.

- **Day Scheme** – under the day scheme, residents can have their glazing upgraded in all rooms, including patio and front doors.
- **Noise scheme** – under this scheme, residents are only eligible for glazing upgrades in bedroom areas.

### Scheme Status

Currently there approximately 391 residents within the Noise Insulation Scheme. The breakdown of residents within the Day and Night scheme are as follows:

	Expression of interest	Completed	%
<b>Day Scheme</b>	89	37	42
<b>Night Scheme</b>	302	52	17

### Future

The scheme began in 2008 and is intended to run until the 30/09/10 at which point no further expressions of interest will be accepted by the airport for inclusion in the Noise Insulation Scheme. However within the airports current European Noise Directive draft noise action plan there is a commitment that the airport will review this scheme during the first quarter of 2011 prior to the current scheme ending in the summer of that year.

The consultation process and time frame will be communicated to GATCOM members nearer this time.