

Eindhoven Airport supports principle of noise reduction and advises emphasis on noise standards to achieve goals of Van Geel advisory memorandum

Eindhoven Airport has responded officially to the advisory memorandum published by former State Secretary of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment Pieter Van Geel in April, on the development of Eindhoven Airport in the period 2020-2030. In a letter to Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management (I&W) Cora Van Nieuwenhuizen, Eindhoven Airport expressed support for the principle of noise reduction as a condition for sustainable and moderate development. The airport advocates a mechanism based on noise standards instead of numbers, giving companies freedom in achieving the goals of the memorandum (strengthening international accessibility of the Brainport Region, reducing disturbance and increasing sustainability).

The deployment of quieter, clean aircraft plays a key role in van Geel's memorandum. Eindhoven Airport advises offering an incentive to airlines that demonstrate 'good behaviour' to encourage them to continue innovating.

In its response to the Minister, Eindhoven Airport also expressed its commitment to the proposals in the areas of sustainability, quality of life and other means of reducing disturbance. To make an immediately noticeable reduction in the disturbance to the environment, the airport, in consultation with the airlines, will look at the possibility of banning any more planned flights after 11 p.m., starting in the 2020 summer season. In addition, in 2020 Eindhoven Airport will freeze the number of aircraft movements at 41,500 – this year's level – although the airport currently has a licence for 43,000 aircraft movements.

Furthermore, Eindhoven Airport indicates that it wishes to work towards the desired expansion of the network of destinations, which is appropriate to the Brainport Region. The airport calls on the Minister to investigate jointly the opportunities for private and public efforts to enhance the quality of the network. Eindhoven Airport also underlines the importance of access to the airport zone. The Minister is asked to give priority to improving access to the airport by public transport. The airport further supports the proposal for a permanent consultation structure, in which it would work together with the region to create a qualitatively strong airport.

ABOUT EINDHOVEN AIRPORT

Eindhoven Airport is de tweede luchthaven van Nederland met ruim 6 miljoen passagiers in 2018. De luchthaven zorgt voor een makkelijke verbinding van Brainport met Europa en verder, in balans met de omgeving. Het gemak voor de reiziger komt tot uiting in de klantbelofte 'Always Easy'. De luchtvaartmaatschappijen verbinden Zuid-Nederland met meer dan 80 toeristische en zakelijke bestemmingen. Samen met de partnerbedrijven biedt de luchthaven bijna 2000 arbeidsplaatsen en is daarmee een van de grote werkgevers in de regio. We zijn ons bewust van de maatschappelijke impact die een luchthaven heeft. Maatschappelijk verantwoord ondernemen zit in ons DNA, we hebben continu aandacht voor het evenwicht tussen internationale connectiviteit en de leefbaarheid in de omgeving. De aandelen van Eindhoven Airport N.V. zijn in handen van Schiphol Nederland B.V., de Provincie Noord-Brabant en de Gemeente Eindhoven.

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