

Edinburgh Airport maintenance will mean more noise for some



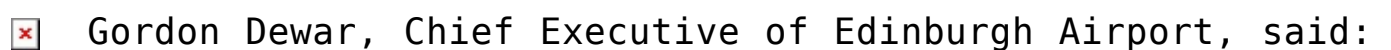
People living in certain areas near the airport may experience additional noise during the maintenance which Edinburgh Airport are carrying out on one of their runways.

They are to carry out essential maintenance work on the main runway over the next three weeks.

The work will be carried out during the weekends of 19-20 April, 26-27 April and 03-04 May between 2300hrs and 0530hrs.

This is required to ensure safety on the main runway. During this time, aircraft will use the airport's secondary runway which of course means that the planes will use a slightly different route on approach and take off.

The airport promise that only a very small number of flights will operate during the time of work and these will be using an alternative take-off and landing route. The main runway will reopen before 6am each morning so flights can then operate without disrupting local residents and passengers.

 Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport, said: "Our runway is subjected to very heavy loads and forces and can degrade over time. This work will involve resurfacing a number of areas on the runway, particularly at the aircraft touchdown zones.

"As we will be operating a different take-off and landing route some areas around Edinburgh may experience an increased level of aircraft noise between the hours of runway maintenance. Although this runway maintenance work may cause some minimal inconvenience in the short term, it is essential that we continue to invest in and improve our facilities."

Areas potentially affected include:

Bonnyrigg Loanhead Fairmilehead Colinton Sighthill South Gyle
Oxgangs Kirkliston Bo'ness