

Stage 5 Clarification Questions for ACP 2018-65 Supplement – Stansted Climb Performance Evidence Issue 1.2

#	Submission Document Name, Page/Para	Question/Issue	Tech/Conslt/Env/Econ/ATM/IFP/General	Date of response	Response – State if and where a submitted document will be changed.
1	Para 4.5.	<p>Please provide us with evidence of how many aircraft, based on mode C, can be considered to have passed through the levels at the gates.</p> <p><i>The CAA briefly contacted the Sponsor on 15th November with the same question as Clarification Q&A 7 (link) following internal discussions on the transparency of potential impacts and potential conflation of ‘flight data points’ with ‘numbers of flights’. The CAA and Sponsor met briefly again on 16th and 17th November to ensure the potential data transparency issue was clearly understood.</i></p>	Tech/Gen/ATM/Env	17/11/2021	See below
<p>Please provide us with evidence of how many aircraft, based on mode C, can be considered to have passed through the levels at the gates.</p> <p>‘Flight data points’ and ‘flights’ were present in the previously supplied documentation (Issue 1.3 of the Stansted SID Climb Performance supplement), but we appreciate that the distinction was not as explicit as it could’ve been, and could confuse the reader.</p> <p>The supplement has been reworded to remove references to the behind-the-scenes ‘flight data points’ which were used for analysis purposes and are directly related to, but are not the same as, the declared number of flights. Supplement Issue 1.4 will refer solely to ‘flights’ in the narrative text and the summary table.</p> <p>An additional annex has been created to briefly summarise the analysis methodology itself.</p> <p>That analysis has been rerun in accordance with improved data extraction criteria, the acceptance that Gate 6 as a standalone altitude gate has no practical relevance and thus redundant results can be removed, however Gate 6 serves a separate purpose to improve the logical conditions for determining numbers of flights per gate, resulting in improved overall data transparency.</p>					

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