



# Town of Swampscott

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August 11, 2021

Dear Ms. Wieland,

We are writing you regarding the *Block 2 Procedure Recommendations for Boston Logan Airport Community Noise Reduction* that were recently proposed in June 2021 for Runway 22L.

The Swampscott Select Board and Town Administrator have reviewed these recommendations, and we have serious concerns. Swampscott's coastline is an important natural and recreational resource enjoyed by residents and visitors throughout the year. This proposal would negatively impact the quality of life of Swampscott residents - particularly during the evening hours – as well as expose hundreds of thousands of North Shore residents to noxious fumes and noise pollution from increased air traffic. If noise reduction is the goal, it is troubling to us that the proposal does not redirect flights further over the ocean and limit the impact to residential and recreational areas.

Thus, while we understand the efforts to disperse flights and achieve a more equitable noise distribution, we oppose the current proposal and recommendations for Runway 22L.

We are aware that this study will undergo several reviews prior to potential implementation, one being an environmental review. We therefore request that particular attention be given to the impact this will have on our town, as well as to the surrounding coastal resource area along the North Shore. Such a study must include, not just emissions and noise, but also quality of life impacts. The benefits of this change are not clear to us, and we feel it is contingent upon Massport to explain them to our residents, as well as our surrounding neighbors.

We also understand that any Block 2 procedures put forward must be reviewed through a formal FAA 7100.41 procedure design review and approval process. Prior to this review, we respectfully request that representatives from Logan Airport meet with Swampscott officials to discuss these proposed plans. Please contact the Town Administrator's Office at your earliest convenience to set up a meeting by calling 781-596-8850 x1226 or email [afiske@swampscottma.gov](mailto:afiske@swampscottma.gov).

Sincerely,  
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