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NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 16 July 2021

Minutes

PRESENT:

Norman Elias, Chair

Ian Gaskell, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council

David King-Hele, Environmental Health, Wirral Council

Tony Rice, Disabled Persons

Ian Rushforth Environmental Health, Liverpool Council

Bob Swann, Chairman of Consultative Committee

Liverpool Airport

Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment

Colin Barnes

Secretariat

Mike Jones, Secretary

12 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from:

Helen Bradshaw, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council

Peter Hargreaves, Environmental Health, Cheshire West and Chester Council

Isobel Mason, Environmental Health, Halton Council

Councillor Malcolm Spargo, Hale Parish Council

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13 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

14 **CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

There were no changes in membership to report.

15 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Resolved -

that the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 23 April 2021 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16 **NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG**

Andrew Dutton talked through slides, attached, of the Noise Log. Seven complaints had been received which was less than before the Covid-19 pandemic. Most concerned private aircraft, helicopters and military covering a wide geographical area. One slide compared the volume of aircraft movements for a week in June 2019, 2020 and 2021. The 2021 figures were around 70% less than in 2019.

Resolved –

that the noise complaints between 1 April 2021 and 30 June 2021 be noted.

17 **AIRSPACE CHANGE**

Andrew Dutton provided a short update on the Airspace Change process (ACP). This was officially 'paused' in November as the neighbouring ACP sponsors had furloughed their staff. An update leaflet had been produced by Liverpool Airport to update stakeholders.

Resolved –

that the update on Airspace Change be noted.

18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting was Friday 22 October 2021 at 10.30 am. A decision would be made closer to the date to decide whether to hold it in person or online.

19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ian Gaskell reported that he had received complaints from a Knowsley resident covering several months about a low frequency noise heard for several hours in the early hours of the morning on several days, notably 12 June and 15 July. The complainant thought it may originate at the Airport.

Andrew Dutton explained the aircraft noise would be intermittent and was very unlikely to be at night but he would check the fixed noise monitor in Hale at the times noted.

Members speculated on potential causes such as: a generator; snow equipment; building works at Hunt's Cross Station; an air conditioning unit; a pump; a refrigeration unit. It was noted that a national newspaper had carried an article on low frequency hums: [What is the mysterious 'global Hum' – and is it simply noise pollution? | Cities | The Guardian](#).

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Minute Item 16

Noise Log

April 2021 to June 2021



Noise Complaint Log Summary

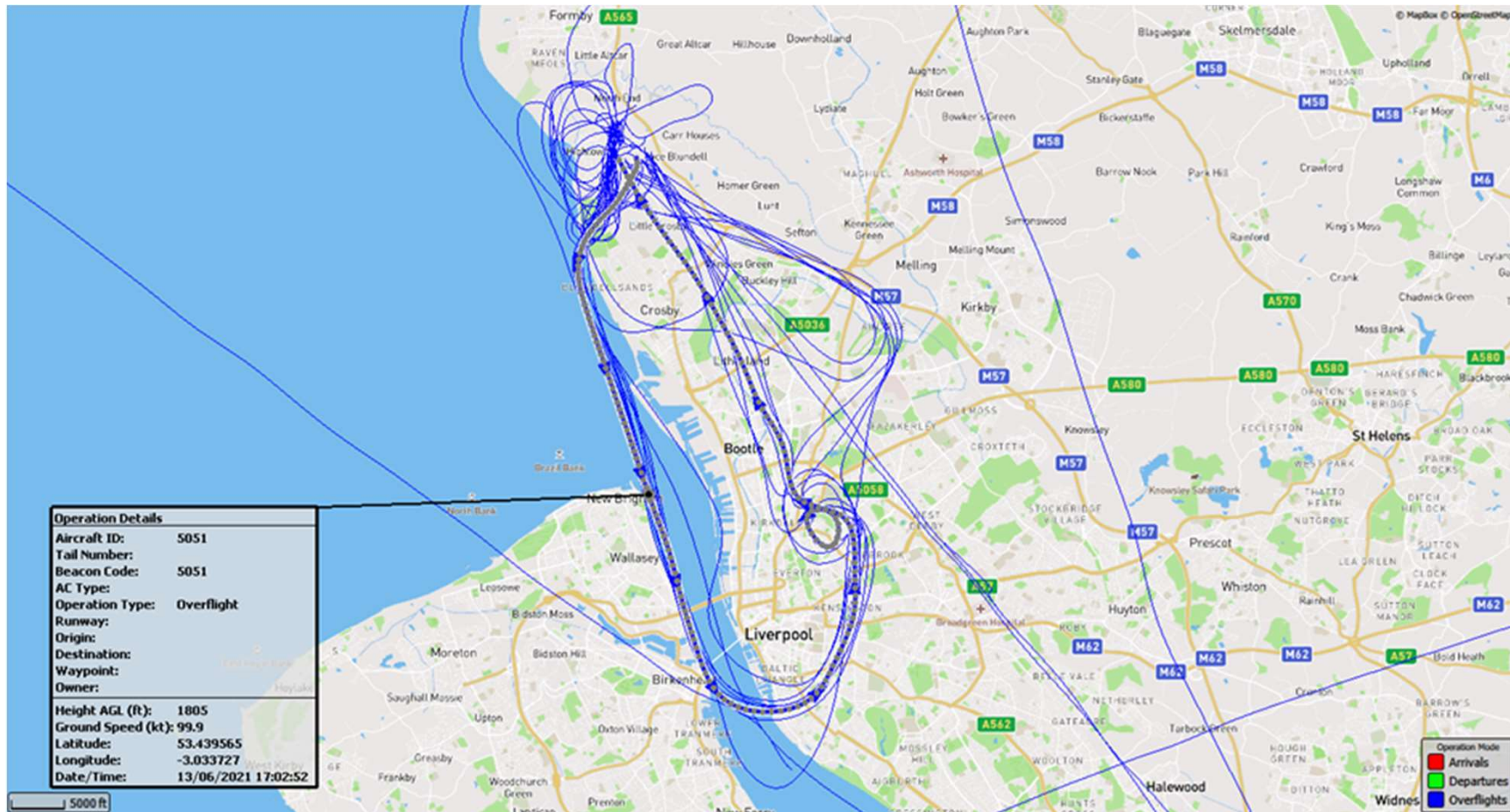
- 7 noise complaints between Apr – Jun'21
- In comparison less complaints than pre-pandemic
- More interest in helicopters & private aircraft movements
- Complaints from received from Cheshire East, Denbighshire, Halton, Liverpool, Sefton & Wirral areas

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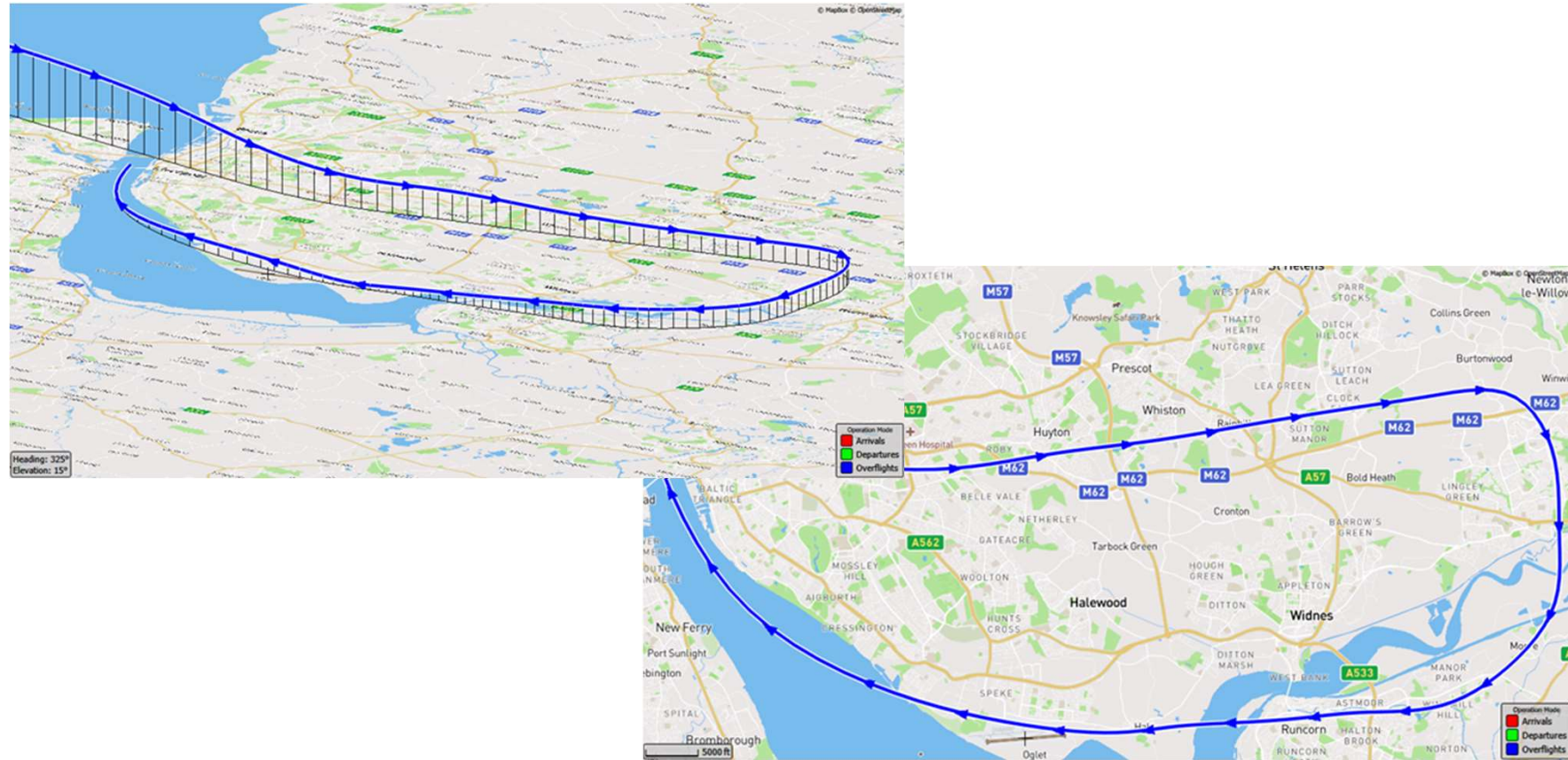
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Hawk Noise Complaint – 17th June 2021

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A teal-tinted photograph of a family loading a car trunk. A man is standing by the open trunk, holding a bicycle. A woman is standing next to him, and a child is visible in the foreground. The car is parked in a parking lot with other cars visible in the background.

Changes in Number of Movements

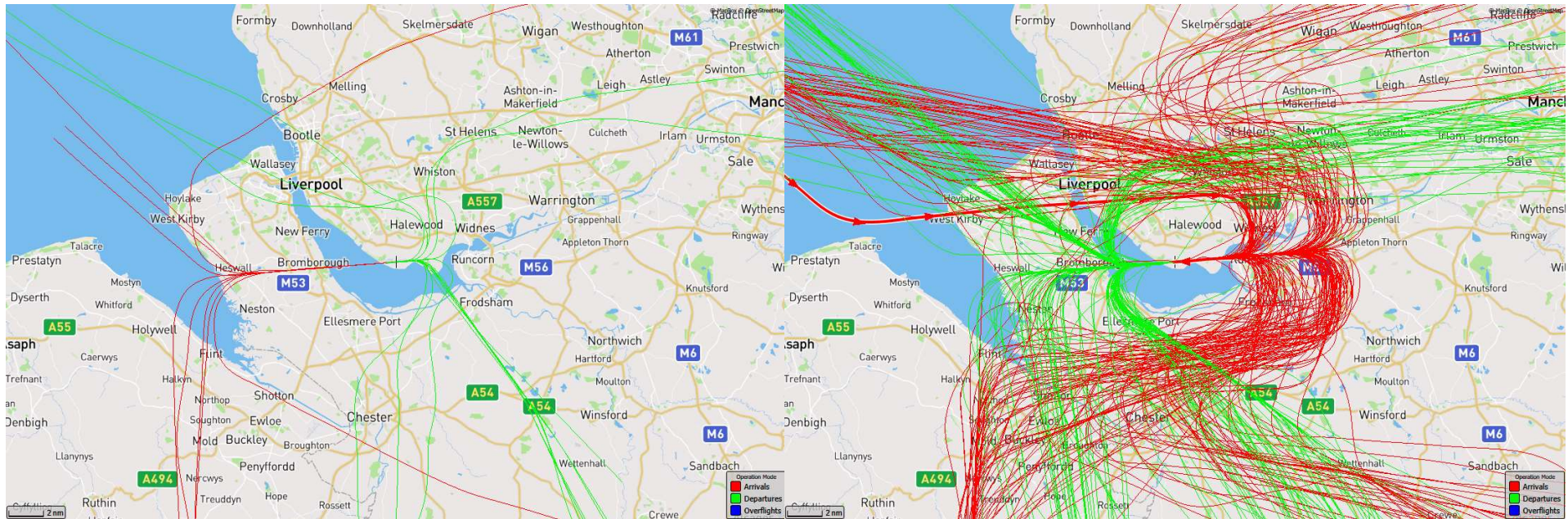
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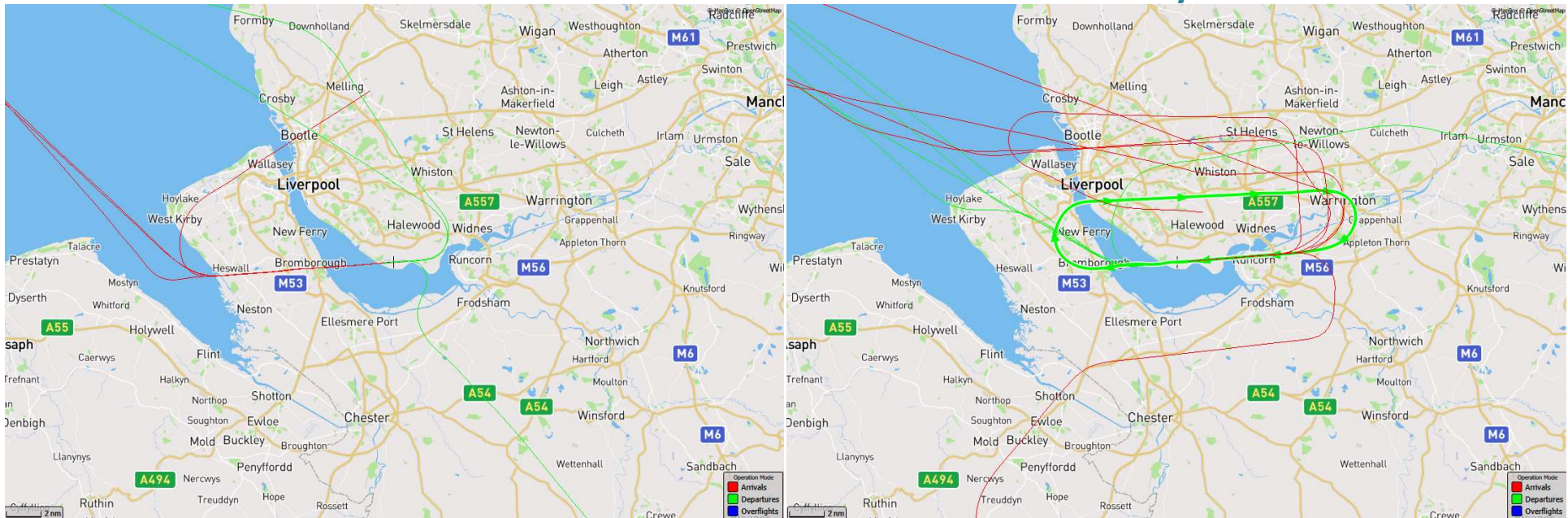
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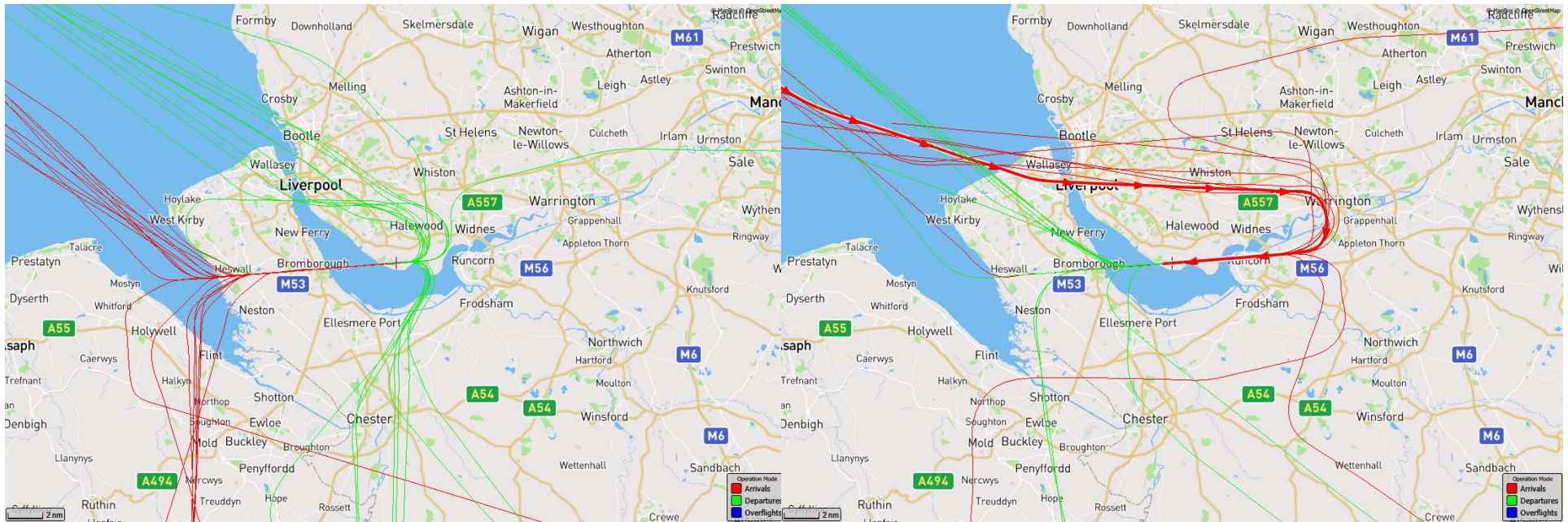
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Scheduled Flying Program (W/C 19th July 21)

- Blue Air – 2
- easyJet – 74
- Ryanair – 94
- Loganair – 22
- Wizz – 8
- Total of 200 schedule aircraft movements
- Approximately 70% down compared to July 2019

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LJLA Airspace Change Proposal



ACP Refresh

- **ACP started in February 2018?**
- **LJLA ACP Paused – November 2020**
- **CAA Airspace Change Portal - Airspace change portal (caa.co.uk)**
- **Airspace Change Organising Group (ACOG) – National Co-ordination and the Development of a Master Plan**
- **Update newsletter (next slide)**

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ACP Info-Sheet Update



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