

# Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee *Chief Executive's Report*

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| <b>Meeting date</b>                                     | 11 May, 2026                        |
| <b>Period covered</b><br>(Year/Quarter/covering months) | 2026, Q1 – January, February, March |
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## 1. Traffic figures

- All percentages are reported to one decimal place.
- Any negative figures or decrease in percentages are reported in red.

### 1.1 Passenger figures

| Passenger figures | Jan '26          | Feb '26          | Mar '26          | Q1 '26 Total     | Q1 '26 % of Total | Q1 '25 % of Total | % change '26 vs '25 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Domestic          | 324,816          | 360,538          | 408,380          | 1,093,734        | 32.5%             | 33.8%             | 2.4%                |
| International     | 692,474          | 711,399          | 865,929          | 2,269,802        | 67.5%             | 66.2%             | 8.6%                |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,017,290</b> | <b>1,071,937</b> | <b>1,274,309</b> | <b>3,363,536</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>6.5%</b>         |

### 1.2 Aircraft movements

| Aircraft movements | Jan '26      | Feb '26      | Mar '26      | Q1 '26 Total  | Q1 '26 % of Total | Q1 '25 % of Total | % change '26 vs '25 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Domestic           | 3,088        | 3,205        | 3,755        | 10,048        | 39.9%             | 43.6%             | -8.0%               |
| International      | 4,621        | 4,656        | 5,886        | 15,163        | 60.1%             | 56.4%             | 7.5%                |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>7,709</b> | <b>7,861</b> | <b>9,641</b> | <b>25,211</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>0.7%</b>         |

### 1.3 Aircraft traffic mix

| Passenger traffic mix | Jan '26          | Feb '26          | Mar '26          | Q1 '26 Total     | Q1 '26 % of Total | Q1 '25 % of Total | % change '26 vs '25 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Scheduled             | 1,012,764        | 1,064,886        | 1,247,959        | 3,325,609        | 98.9%             | 99.4%             | 5.9%                |
| Charter               | 3,760            | 6,332            | 24,441           | 34,533           | 1.0%              | 0.4%              | 161.9%              |
| Other                 | 766              | 719              | 1,909            | 3,394            | 0.1%              | 0.2%              | -37.0%              |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>1,017,290</b> | <b>1,071,937</b> | <b>1,274,309</b> | <b>3,363,536</b> | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>100.0%</b>     | <b>6.5%</b>         |

### 1.4 Day v night aircraft movements

| Day vs night aircraft movements | Jan '26 | Feb '26 | Mar '26 | Q1 '26 Total | Q1 '26 % of Total | Q1 '25 % of Total | % change '26 vs '25 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Night (0000-0559)               | 135     | 122     | 155     | 412          | 1.6%              | 3.0%              | -44.2%              |

|                            |              |              |              |               |               |               |             |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Day (0600-2159)</b>     | 7,075        | 7,214        | 8,858        | 23,147        | 91.8%         | 91.4%         | 1.2%        |
| <b>Evening (2200-2359)</b> | 499          | 525          | 628          | 1,652         | 6.6%          | 5.7%          | 16.7%       |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>7,709</b> | <b>7,861</b> | <b>9,641</b> | <b>25,211</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>0.7%</b> |

## 1.5 Traffic commentary

- Between January-March 2026, 3.36 million passengers used Edinburgh Airport – that’s 6.5% higher vs Q1 in 2025.
- Overall aircraft movements are up by 0.7% vs 2025, driven by international traffic.
- A slightly higher share of aircraft movements were in daytime hours compared to Q1 2025, with fewer aircraft movements in ‘night’ hours.
- This year, we saw the first time that January numbers exceeded 1 million passengers. January 2026 passengers were up 7.1% vs January 2025 and 10.5% vs January 2019. This means that for the last rolling 12 months, monthly passenger levels were above 1 million for Edinburgh airport.

## 2. Capital Investment

### 2.1 Key Projects in delivery

| Project / Initiative Name             | Stage    | End Date |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| TIE SEPEX Ph1                         | Delivery | Jun-27   |
| TIE PHASE 1 - Airfield Enabling Works | Delivery | Jun-26   |
| Car Rental Futures                    | Delivery | Mar-27   |
| Car Parking Futures Phases 3-5        | Delivery | Dec-26   |
| Fuel Capacity                         | Delivery | Dec-26   |

### 2.2 Summary of projects

#### TIE SEPEX Ph1

This extension will see eight gates constructed to address gate capacity. Erection of steelwork is underway on site. Completion is scheduled for Jun 2027.

#### Major Runway Rehab

The major Runway Rehabilitation project is now complete.

#### TIE – Airfield Enabling Phase 1

This element of the Terminal Infrastructure Expansion (TIE) programme is a long-term project to address operational capacity issues across the airfield. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of this project is nearing completion on site with the construction of five additional stands.

### **Water Quality**

EAL is working closely with SEPA on the Water Quality project which provides an enhanced ability to capture de-icing runoff, it will improve the water quality across all adjacent watercourses.

### **Fuel Capacity**

The Fuel Capacity project aims to provide the necessary storage capacity and infrastructure within the existing fuel farm to meet the requirements of airline demand and forecast traffic growth. Works have commenced on site and are progressing towards a completion in Dec 2026.

## **2.3 Projects commentary**

- In 2025 the final year capital expenditure figure was £92m, an increase of £40m from 2024. A total of 175 separate capital projects were underway in the period.
- In 2026 the number of projects will be 170, the forecast capital expenditure increases by £33m to £125m.
- In 2027 the capital expenditure is expected to increase further to around £139m
- The team continues to future proof the airport and map out projects to improve the airport longer term but are also heavily involved in solutions to immediate issues when and where they require input.

### **3. Community Investment**

- *The Community Fund budget is provided by the airport and is directly linked with passenger numbers.*
- *The Community Fund board meet three times a year and is chaired by Alex Cole-Hamilton, MSP for Edinburgh Western.*
- *Application information can be found at [edinburghairport.com/community](https://edinburghairport.com/community)*

#### **3.1 Community Fund**

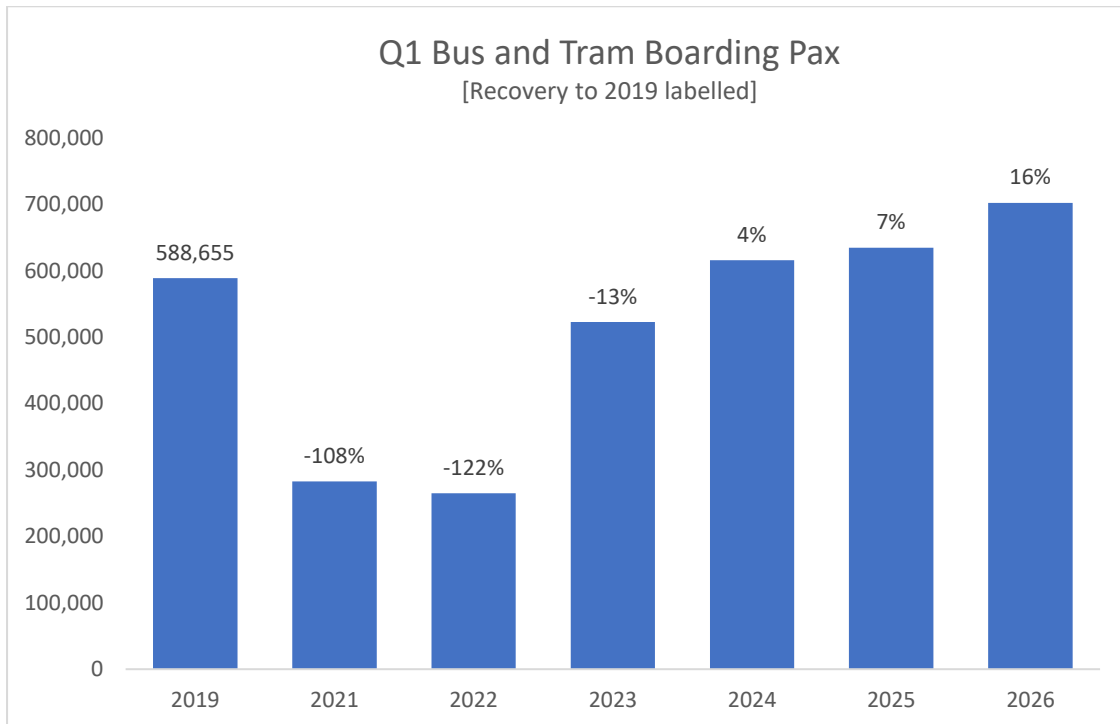
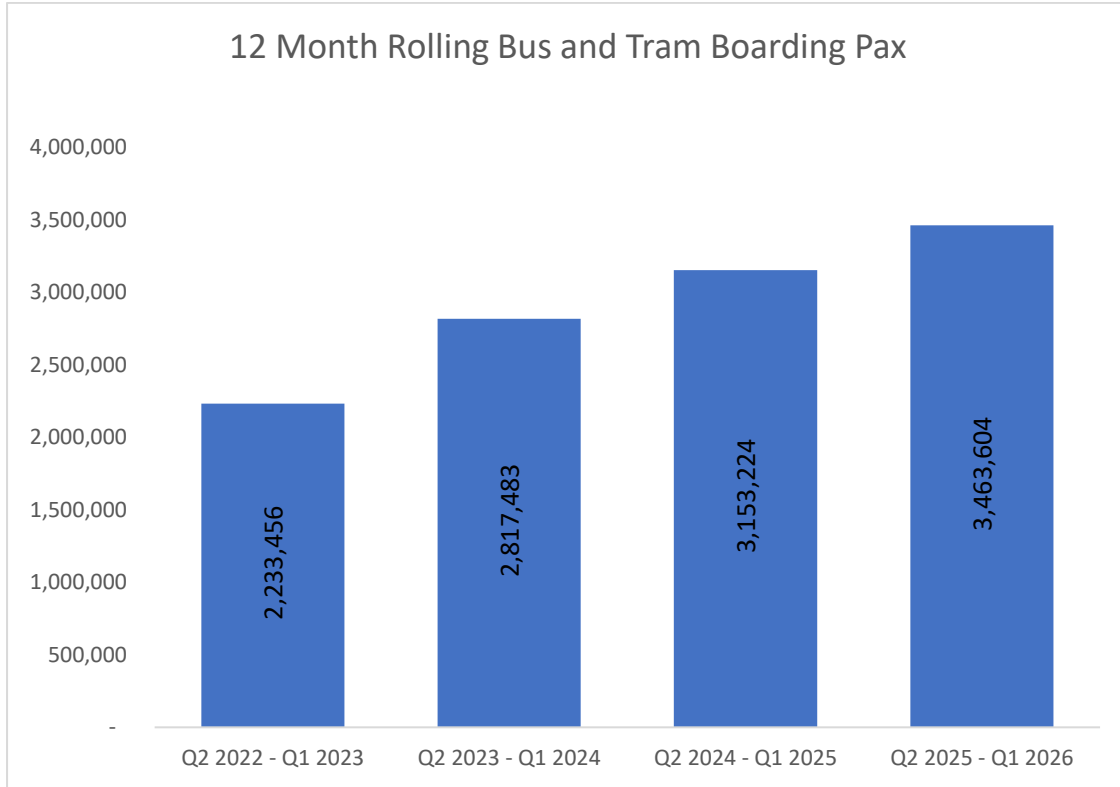
- Results for 2025's Community Funding year were collated in Q1
- £255,470 was distributed in total
- We had 298 applications, 205 meeting the eligibility criteria, and 91 receiving funding
- Projects originating from Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation decile 3 were most likely to receive funding (almost 20%)
- The Lothians, particularly West Lothian, received 44% of the annual funding, demonstrating our improved penetration into those communities outwith the capital
- The Community Fund will return in 2026 with the fund being at least £258,759.
- Early in Q1, EDI's first "Community Engagement Report" was released, detailing the 2025 Community Fund alongside our annual volunteering programme and community insight surveys.

#### **3.2 Charity work**

- The process of shortlisting a charity partner for 2026/2027 concluded in Q4 2025 with Change Mental Health unveiled as the winning charity
- Change Mental Health has had one mission for over 50 years – to help and support people affected by mental illness
- As charity partner, they benefit from advertising space sharing their message to over 17 million passengers, our foreign coin collections, fundraising, special match funding, gifts in kind, and other ad-hoc benefits
- Q1 saw our fastest and most successful charity kickoff to date with £20,427 raised and donated
- We also kicked off a number of partnership activities including a lunch and learn, integration with some of employee engagement groups, a joint project to work on passengers presenting with mental illness, monthly onsite days where staff can meet and chat with the team

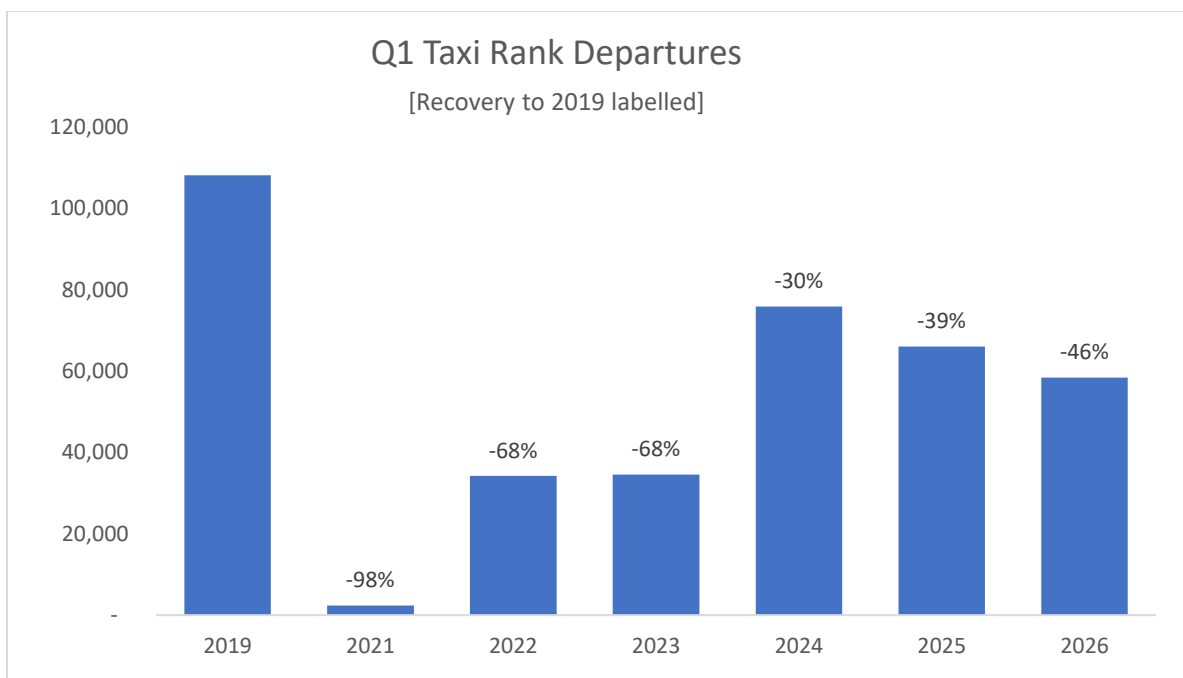
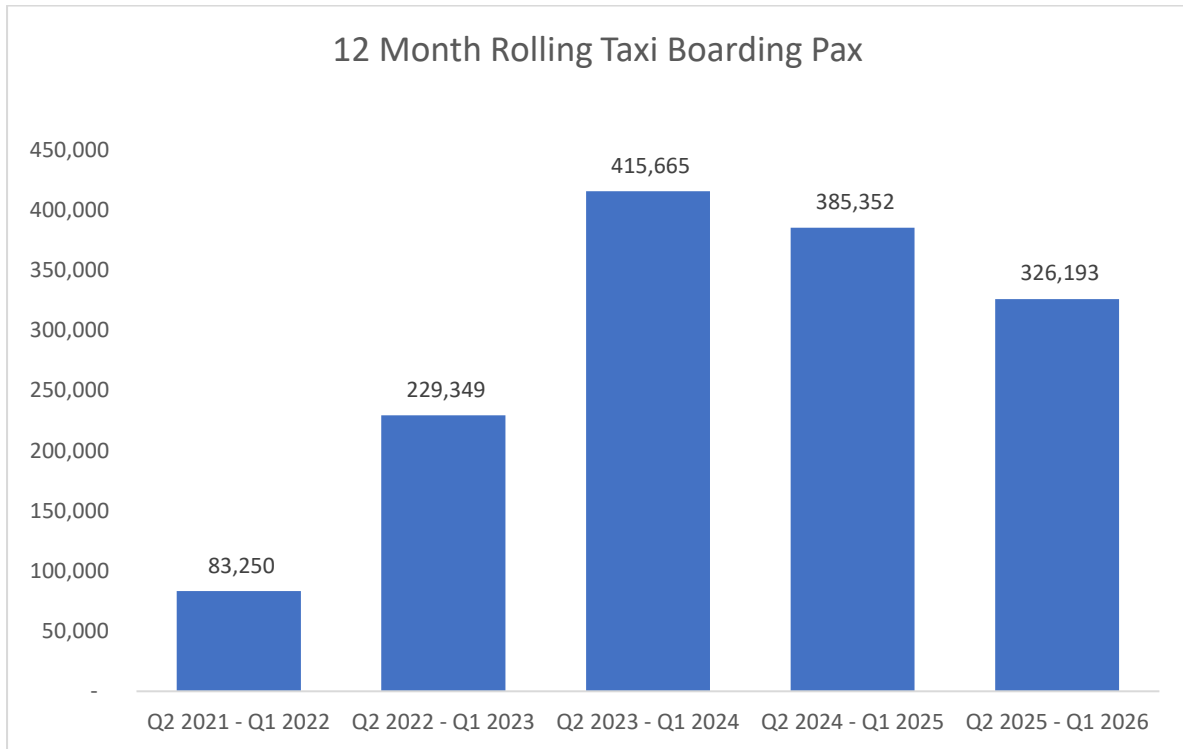
## 4. Surface access

### 4.1 Bus and tram services



- Public transport market share for Q1 2026 was 41.1%
- Ember service now operating 24hr to Dundee

## 4.2 Taxi services



### 4.3 Yearly Mode Share

| Year | Month | Car Parking | Public Transport | Taxi  | Coaches | Car Rental | Other |
|------|-------|-------------|------------------|-------|---------|------------|-------|
| 2019 | Total | 40.6%       | 33.7%            | 11.0% | 7.1%    | 6.7%       | 0.9%  |
| 2023 | Total | 39.7%       | 36.6%            | 8.9%  | 6.3%    | 5.4%       | 3.1%  |
| 2024 | Total | 39.5%       | 39.5%            | 6.5%  | 7.5%    | 6.1%       | 0.9%  |
| 2025 | Total | 38.4%       | 39.6%            | 5.2%  | 8.2%    | 6.0%       | 2.6%  |
| 2026 | YTD   | 41.2%       | 41.1%            | 4.4%  | 7.4%    | 3.9%       | 2.0%  |

## 5. Aircraft noise

- Our Service Level Agreement (SLA) is to respond to noise complaints within five days.
- All percentages are reported to one decimal place.
- Any negative figures or decrease in percentages are reported in *red*

### 5.1 Noise complaints received

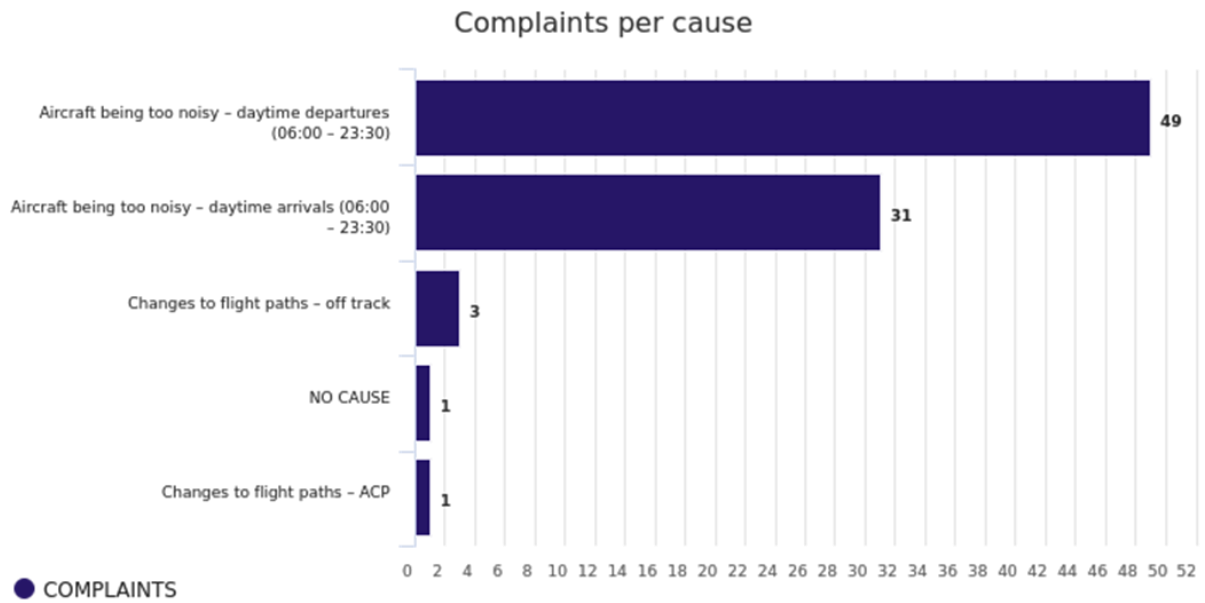
|                  | Jan-26 | Feb-26 | Mar-26 | Q1/2026 total | Q4/2025 total | % change Q1/2026 v Q4/2025 | % change Q1/2026 v Q1/2025 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Noise complaints | 35     | 27     | 23     | 85*           | 132           | -35.6%                     | -38.0%                     |
| Complainants     | 12     | 4      | 7      | 18            | 36            | -50.0%                     | -43.8%                     |
| Answered in SLA  | 80.0%  | 96.3%  | 65.2%  | 81.2%         | 91.7%         | -11.4%                     | -9.6%                      |

\*x1 duplicate entry included in total

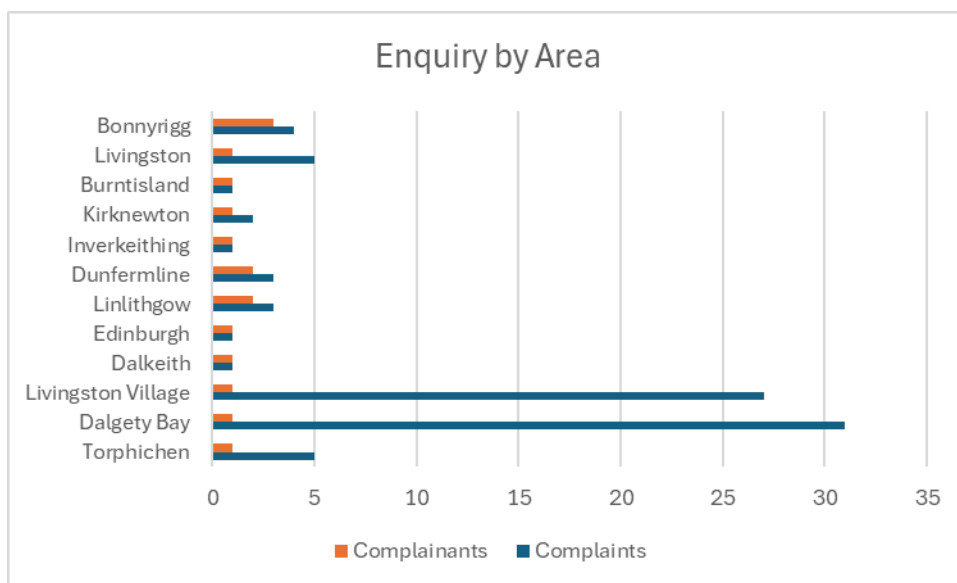
### 5.2 Runway use

|           | Period | Jan-26 | Feb-26 | Mar-26 | Q1/2026 total | Q4/2025 total | % change Q1/2026 v Q4/2025 | % change Q1/2026 v Q1/2025 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Runway 06 | day    | 3452   | 3339   | 440    | 7231          | 6303          | 14.7%                      | -11.8%                     |
|           | night  | 82     | 66     | 2      | 150           | 181           | -17.1%                     | -49.0%                     |
| Runway 24 | day    | 4064   | 4088   | 8059   | 16211         | 21674         | -25.2%                     | 3.0%                       |
|           | night  | 100    | 83     | 190    | 373           | 940           | -60.3%                     | -46.9%                     |

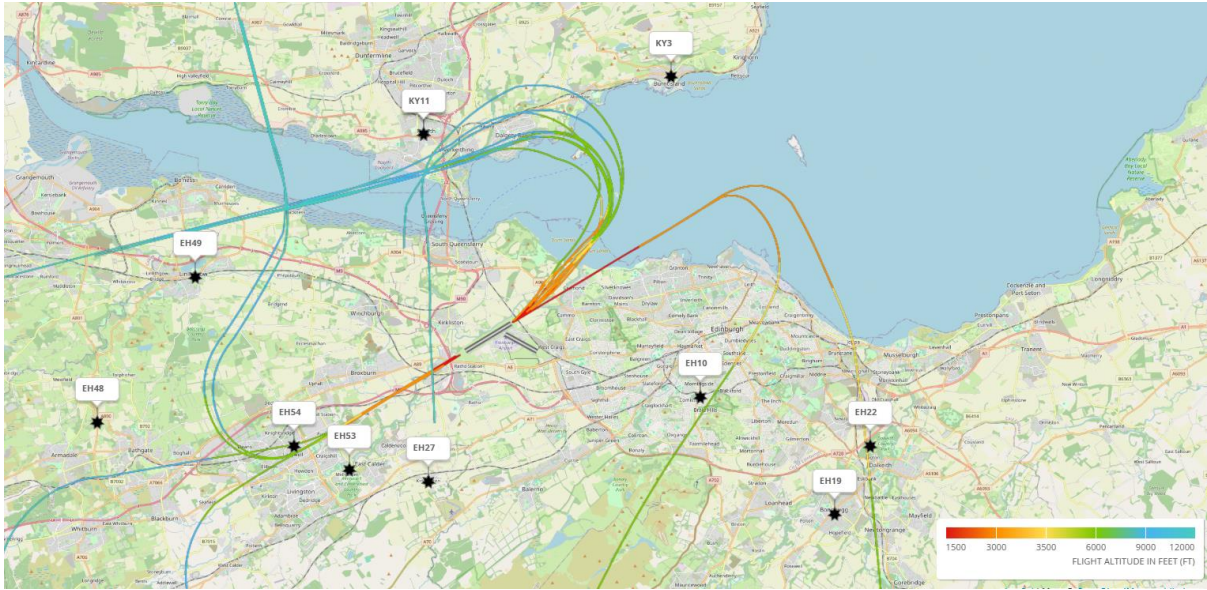
### 5.3 Complaints by type of enquiry



### 5.4 Complaints by area sorted by number of complainants



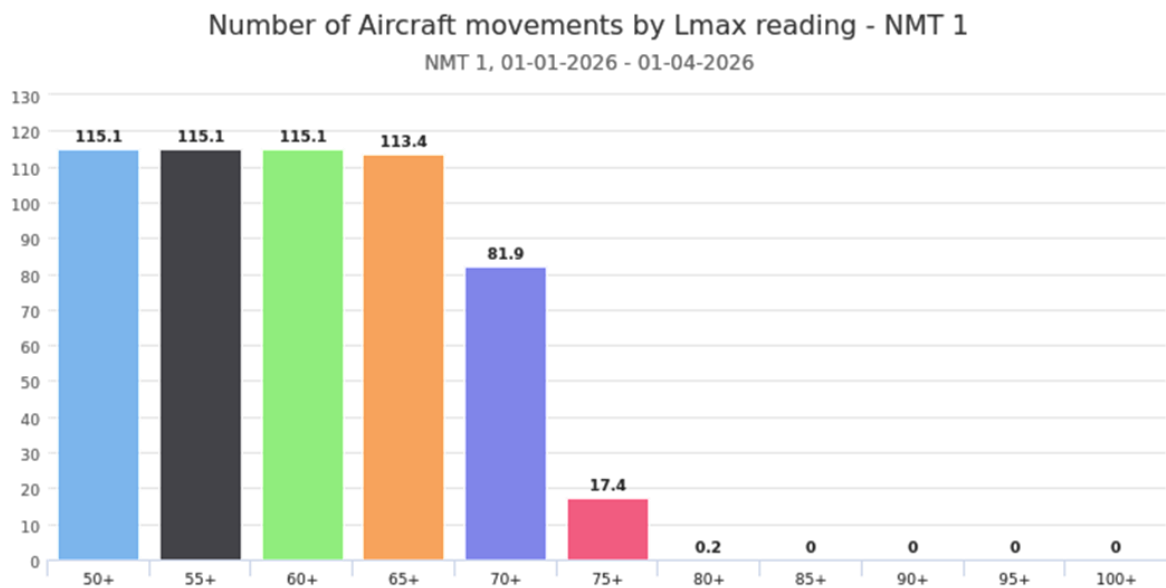
Heat map detailing location of complaints and altitude of aircraft:



## 5.5 NAX

The NAX charts below detail the number the average number of aircraft per day that exceeded the noise level detailed on the X axis, at that monitor during the Quarter.

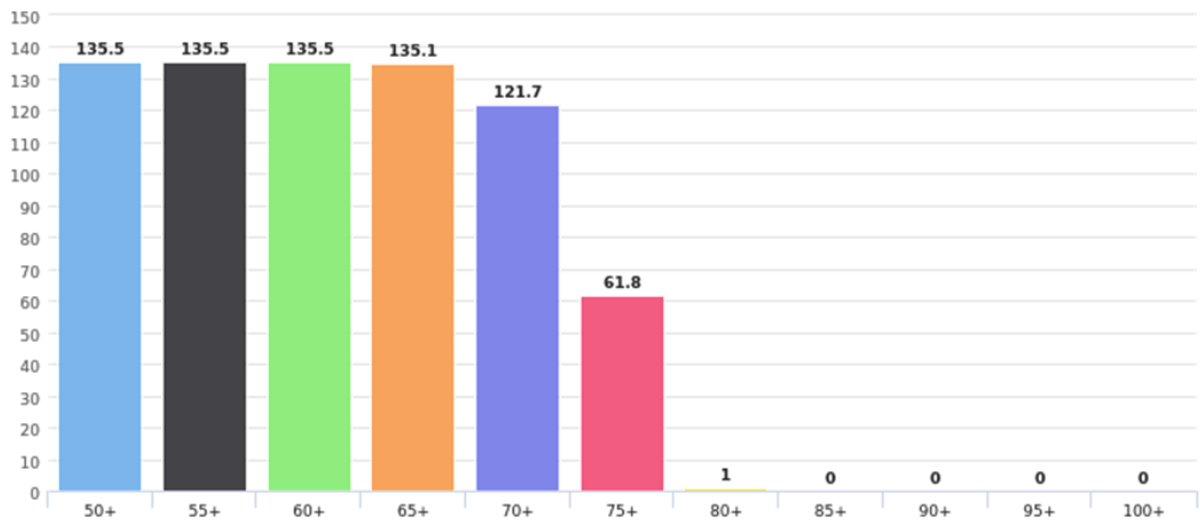
### Monitor 1 - Livingston



### Monitor 2 – Bathgate

### Number of Aircraft movements by Lmax reading - NMT 2

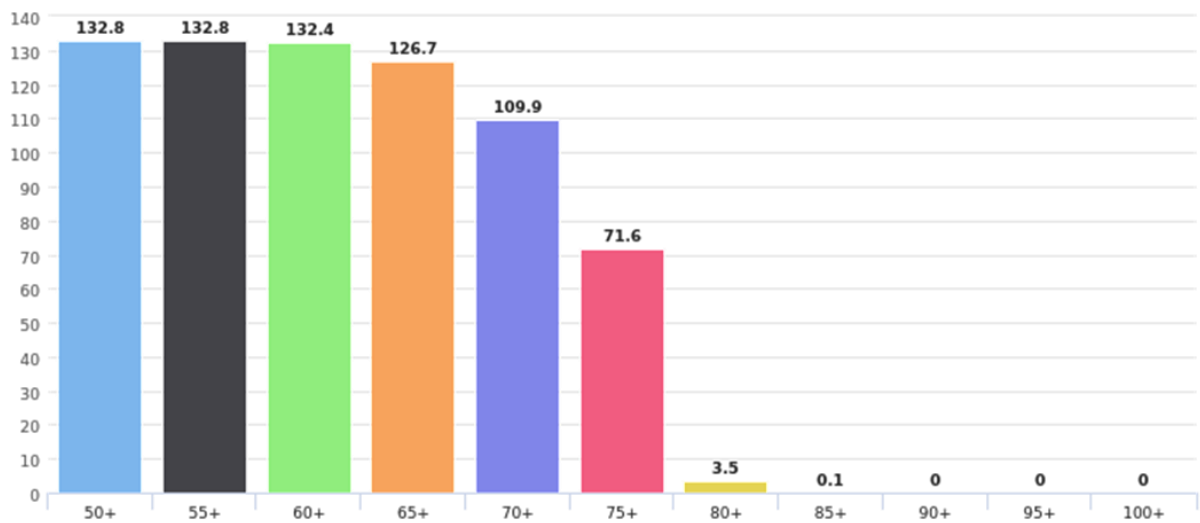
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### Monitor 3 – Cramond

### Number of Aircraft movements by Lmax reading - NMT 3

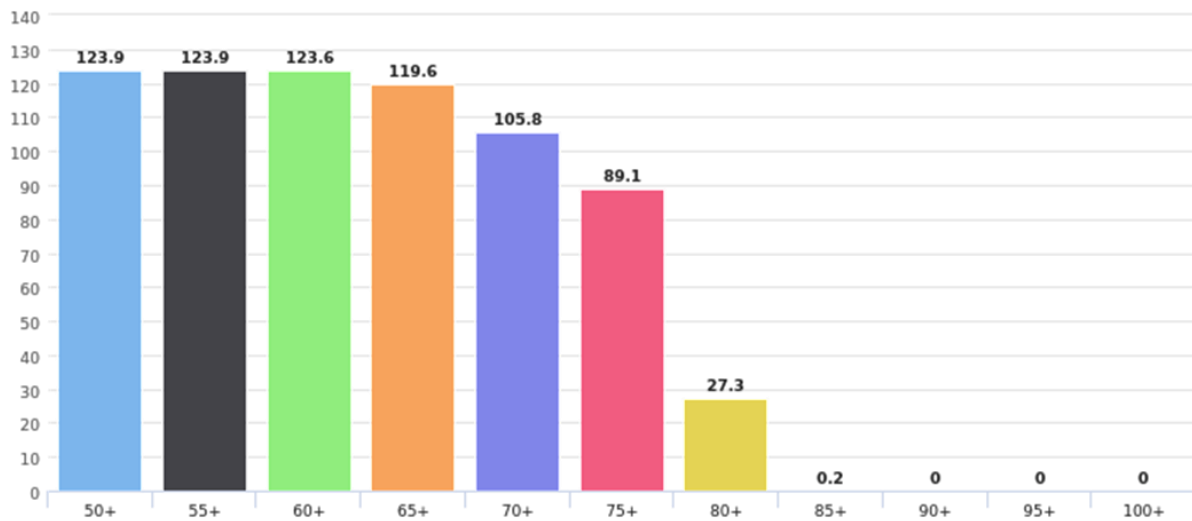
NMT 3, 01-01-2026 - 01-04-2026



### Monitor 7 - Cramond primary school

## Number of Aircraft movements by Lmax reading - NMT 7

NMT 7, 01-01-2026 - 01-04-2026



### 5.6 Complaints

The table below details any complaints found to be justified and the reason for the diversion from SID or any other issue and provides relevant details. Standard Instrument Departures or SIDs are the technical term for departure flight paths.

| EDI Day Quarterly complaints (06:00 - 23:30)   |                          |      |       |               |                   |                     |     |           |        |
|--|--------------------------|------|-------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|
| Date complaint made                            | Date/time of disturbance | Area | Cause | Aircraft Type | Departure Airport | Destination Airport | SID | Valid Y/N | Reason |
| No Applicable complaints                       |                          |      |       |               |                   |                     |     |           |        |
| EDI Night Quarterly complaints (23:30 - 06:00) |                          |      |       |               |                   |                     |     |           |        |
| Date complaint made                            | Date/time of disturbance | Area | Cause | Aircraft Type | Departure Airport | Destination Airport | SID | Valid Y/N | Reason |
| No Applicable complaints                       |                          |      |       |               |                   |                     |     |           |        |

### 5.7 Noise commentary

- Edinburgh Airport's Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028 final document, summary document and consultation response and actions documents can now be viewed and downloaded from the Noise Lab <https://noiselab.casper.aero/edi/content/2/noise-action-plan/>. This plan provides information on Edinburgh Airports 2025 Noise Insulation Scheme
- Our insulation scheme launched in mid-December 2025, with information sent to all properties that may be eligible to apply. Going forward, a summary of applications received each quarter will be included in this section of the Quarterly Noise Report and will no longer appear in section 5.1. The table below sets out the applications received and the budget allocated at the time of report publication. Eligibility to apply to the

scheme can be checked on the insulation pages of the noise lab  
<https://edi.noiselab.casper.aero/addressDB>

| 2025 Noise Insulation Scheme Q1 2026 | Number of Properties |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of applications               | 96                   |
| Number of eligible applications      | 78                   |
| Initial home visit arranged          | 77                   |
| Funds assigned from 2026 budget      | 35                   |
| Final visit arranged                 | 15                   |
| Ineligible - out-with scheme area    | 12                   |
| Complete                             | 11                   |
| Funds allocated to date              | £192,106.00          |

- Of the 85\* complaints made in Q1 2026, 63 (74.18%) were made by three frequent complainants.
  - 5 (5.88 %) by a complainant in Torphichen.
  - 31 (36.47 %) by a complainant in Dalgety Bay.
  - 27 (31.76 %) by a complainant in Livingston Village.

\*1 complaint included in table 5.1 was a duplicate entry

- The City of Edinburgh Council has now approved the planning application for the installation of a new fixed noise monitoring station at the former MOD Craigiehall Barracks site. Installation is expected to be completed during Q2 2026.
- The fixed noise monitoring station at Cramond Manse suffered severe damage to its mast and microphone during Storm David over the Easter weekend. We are currently working to restore the site and will provide an update in due course.

## 6. Route development

### 6.1 Route commentary

#### Overall Market Update:

- Q1 was another successful quarter for Edinburgh Airport, being the best Q1 in history in terms of passenger numbers.
- International traffic remains the driver of increasing passenger numbers, with international volumes up 7.5% compared to Q1 2025.
- Each month saw an increase in passenger's vs the same month in 2025. January was ahead 7%, February was ahead 5% and March was 7% ahead.
- As always, we continue to be faced with the challenge surrounding both delivery of new aircraft and technical issues with some aircraft types in service.
- After a brief pause both Emirates and Qatar are back operating, albeit at a lower frequency.

#### Airline updates:

##### Air Canada:

- Air Canada have upgauged their Montreal flight to cater for the increased demand for the World Cup. They will now be operating a 787 throughout the whole month of June.

##### American Airlines:

- American Airlines have upgauged their PHL service to 787-9 in May-Oct (+51 seats per flight)
- They have also extended their PHL service into winter months.

##### Austrian Airlines

- After a strong performing first year in 2025, Austrian have announced 11x additional flights to VIE across July and August. This means they will operate some weeks at 4x weekly.

##### Delta

- Delta has announced they will extend their JFK service to operate all year, adding winter flights in January and February.

##### easyJet:

- easyJet have announced Sharm El Sheikh, which will start in November 2026.

##### Jet2:

- Jet2 have announced the launch of Strasbourg and Sharm El Sheikh, both for W26.
- In addition to this, they have launched Chania and Pula, both starting in S27.

##### Lufthansa:

- Lufthansa will be operating up to 11x weekly flights to MUC during the Oktoberfest festival.

### Norwegian

- Norwegian have announced they will grow their Stockholm and Copenhagen route into winter months.
  - Stockholm will increase from 2-4x weekly in all of winter apart from January which will remain at 2x weekly
  - Copenhagen will increase from 2-4x weekly in all of winter apart from January-mid February which will operate at 2x weekly for the first time (usually they pause)

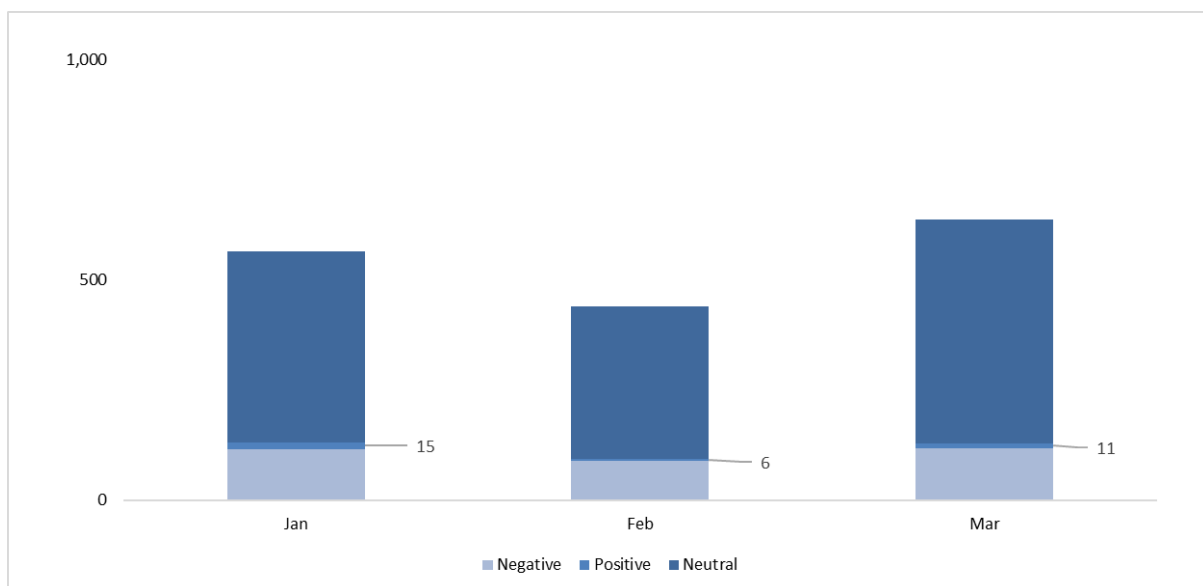
### SAS:

- SAS have extended their Copenhagen service into Winter 2026.

## 7. Passenger satisfaction analysis

### 7.1 Complaints, compliments, enquiries and suggestions

Received via email, phone call, webform, letter and live chat.

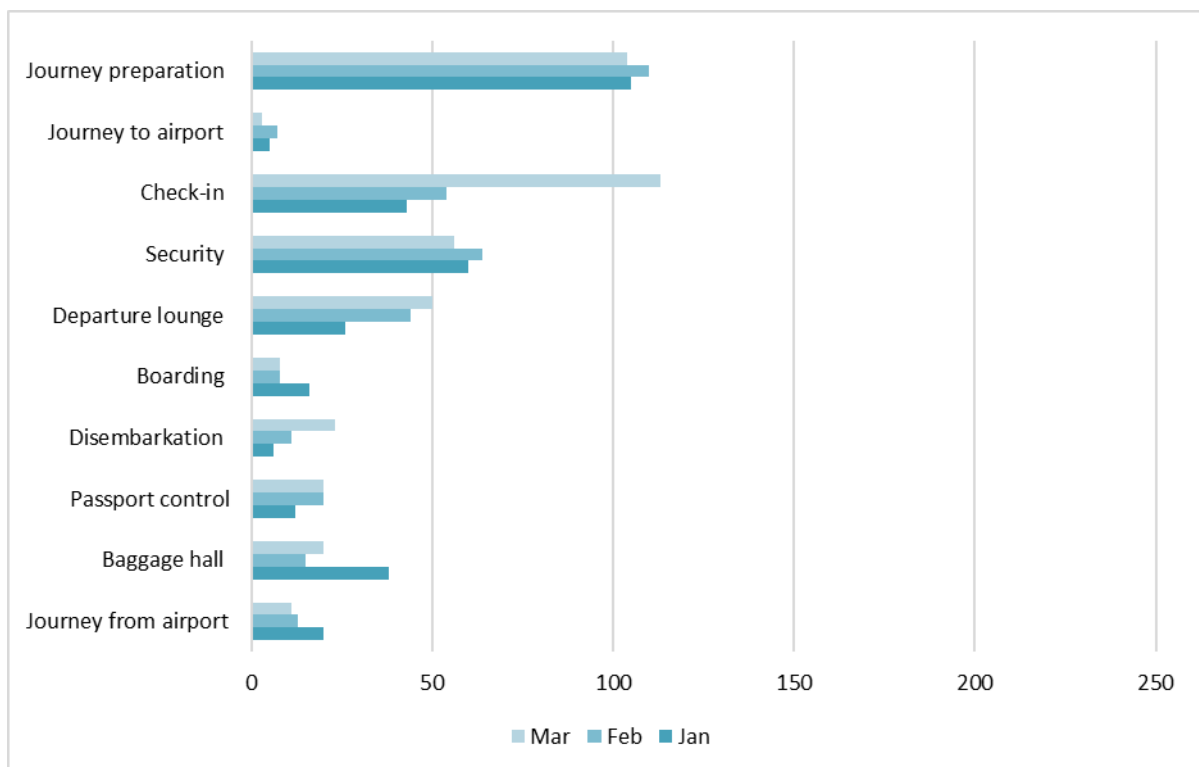


### 7.1.2 Commentary

|              | Jan - 26   | Feb - 26   | Mar - 26   | Total Q1 2026 | Q4 25 vs Q1 26 % Change | Total Q1 2025 | Q1 2026 vs Q1 2025 % CHANGE |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Complaints   | 116        | 89         | 119        | 324           | -30%                    | 362           | -10%                        |
| Compliments  | 15         | 6          | 11         | 32            | 7%                      | 27            | 19%                         |
| Neutral      | 434        | 346        | 508        | 1,288         | -5%                     | 1,314         | -2%                         |
| <b>total</b> | <b>565</b> | <b>441</b> | <b>638</b> | <b>1,644</b>  | <b>-11%</b>             | <b>1,703</b>  | <b>-3%</b>                  |

- During Q1 the average satisfaction score was 86.2%.
- Q1 closed with an average of 0.97 complaints per 10,000 passengers.

### 7.2 Passenger Satisfaction



- In Q1 the area with the most enquiries and feedback is 'journey preparation' as we have seen previously. This is in line with what we would expect as passengers plan their journey prior to traveling to the airport.