

Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee *Chief Executive's Report*

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1. Traffic figures

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1.1 Passenger figures

Passenger figures	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Q2 '26 Total	Q2 '26 % of Total	Q2 '25 % of Total	% change '26 vs '25
Domestic	379,489	383,065	383,455	1,146,009	23.7%	25.3%	-2.0%
International	1,085,634	1,272,614	1,325,577	3,683,825	76.3%	74.7%	6.9%
Total	1,465,123	1,655,679	1,709,032	4,829,834	100.0%	100.0%	4.7%

1.2 Aircraft movements

Aircraft movements	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Q2 '26 Total	Q2 '26 % of Total	Q2 '25 % of Total	% change '26 vs '25
Domestic	3,711	3,672	3,648	11,031	31.4%	33.6%	-3.2%
International	7,178	8,391	8,570	24,139	68.6%	66.4%	7.0%
Total	10,889	12,063	12,218	35,170	100.0%	100.0%	3.6%

1.3 Aircraft traffic mix

Passenger traffic mix	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Q2 '26 Total	Q2 '26 % of Total	Q2 '25 % of Total	% change '26 vs '25
Scheduled	1,462,435	1,649,096	1,700,550	4,812,081	99.6%	99.6%	4.7%
Charter	1,477	5,095	7,043	13,615	0.3%	0.3%	-8.7%
Other	1,211	1,488	1,439	4,138	0.1%	0.1%	9.4%
Total	1,465,123	1,655,679	1,709,032	4,829,834	100.0%	100.0%	4.7%

1.4 Day v night aircraft movements

Day vs night aircraft movements	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Q2 '26 Total	Q2 '26 % of Total	Q2 '25 % of Total	% change '26 vs '25
Night (0000-0559)	614	682	759	2,055	5.8%	5.5%	10.7%

Day (0600-2159)	9,747	10,775	10,836	31,358	89.2%	89.3%	3.4%
Evening (2200-2359)	528	606	623	1,757	5.0%	5.2%	-1.2%
Total	10,889	12,063	12,218	35,170	100.0%	100.0%	3.6%

1.5 Traffic commentary

- Between April-June 2026, 4.83 million passengers used Edinburgh Airport – that’s 4.7% higher vs Q2 2025.
- Overall aircraft movements are up by 3.6% vs 2025, driven by international traffic.
- Jan-Jun passenger numbers remain strong at 8.19 million, up 5.4% on last year's passenger volumes. This positive trend is expected to continue through the summer months.

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	Complete	Jun-26
TIE Terminal Transformation Phase 1 Foxtrot Reconfiguration	Delivery	Jun-27
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, seating areas and retail units constructed to address gate capacity. Erection of steelwork is underway on site. Completion is scheduled for June 2027.

TIE Terminal Transformation Phase 1 Foxtrot Reconfiguration

Works to reconfigure the Foxtrot taxiway are underway on site as part of the overall expansion programme. Foxtrot works are scheduled for completion in June 2027.

TIE – Airfield Enabling Phase 1

The TIE Airfield Enabling Phase 1 project is now complete.

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 storage capacity and infrastructure within the existing fuel farm to meet 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 continue 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*

3.1 Community Fund

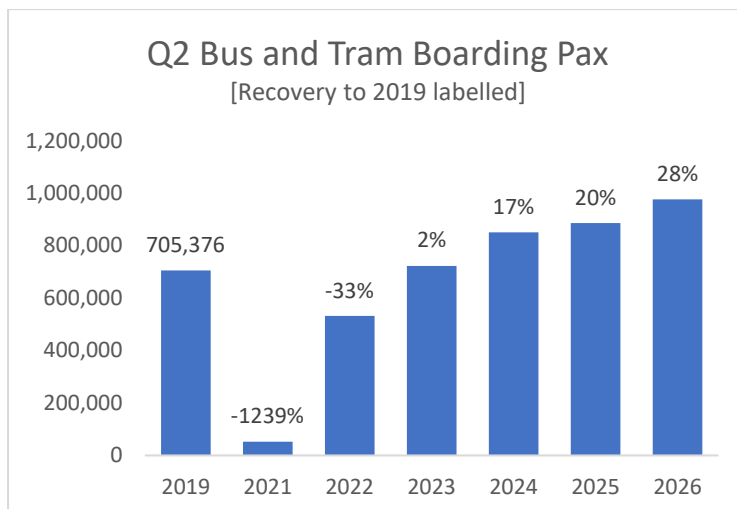
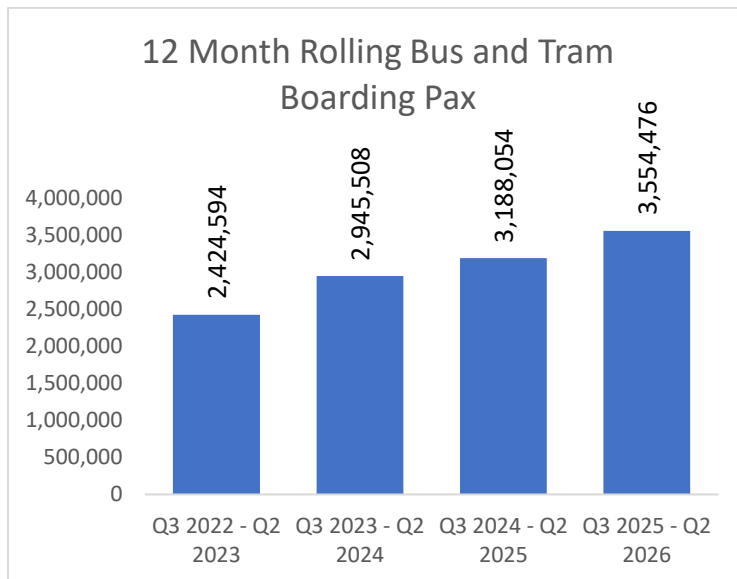
- Q2 saw the first meeting of the Community Fund in 2026.
- £258,759 forecasted for distribution throughout the year.
- April saw £86,252 distributed to 42 projects.
- In total, there were 99 applications with a total requested value of £261,595.
- Examples of successful projects this round include funding of a new Parkrun in Ratho, a children's Parkrun in Winchburgh, a youth conservation programme in Holyrood Park, and biodiversity related interventions at Loch Ore meadows.

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 £20,945 raised and donated.
- One element specially reserved for our charity partners is our foreign coin collections. In May we were delighted to receive a solid gold half sovereign kindly donated by a passenger. This was sold on by our exchange specialist for around £400.

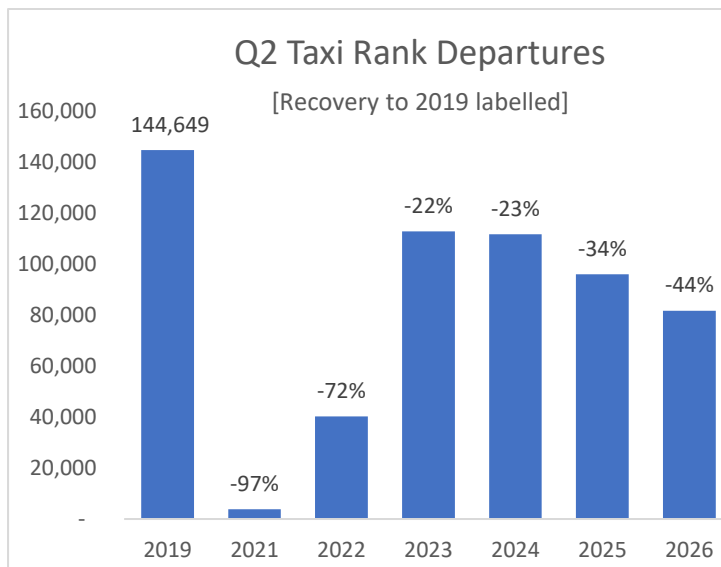
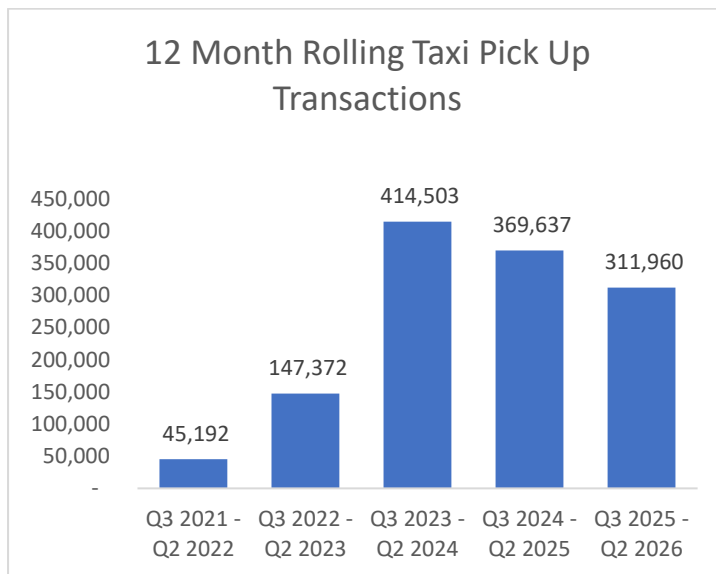
4. Surface access

4.1 Bus and tram services



- Public transport market share for Q2 2026 was 40%.
- Airlink 100 continue to operate high frequency services every 10 minutes to the city centre and tram continue to operate every 7 minutes.
- Ember launched new route connecting Oban to EDI 20th May 2026 improving transport links between the west coast and EDI with four return services per day, seven days a week.

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	37.5%	40.4%	4.3%	8.0%	5.5%	4.3%

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.
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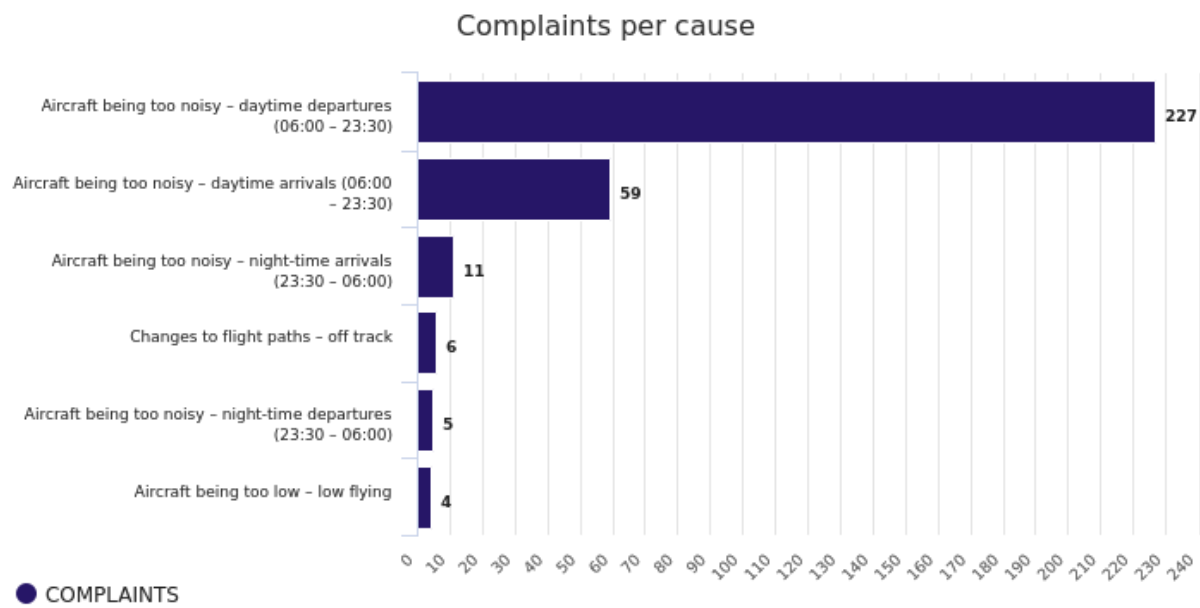
5.1 Noise complaints received

	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Q2/2026 total	Q1/2026 total	% change Q2/2026 v Q1/2026	% change Q2/2026 v Q2/2025
Noise complaints	101	120	91	312	85	267.1%	-1.9%
Complainants	12	15	20	38	18	111.1%	5.6%
Answered in SLA	87.1%	74.2%	93.4%	84.0%	81.2%	3.4%	-10.7%

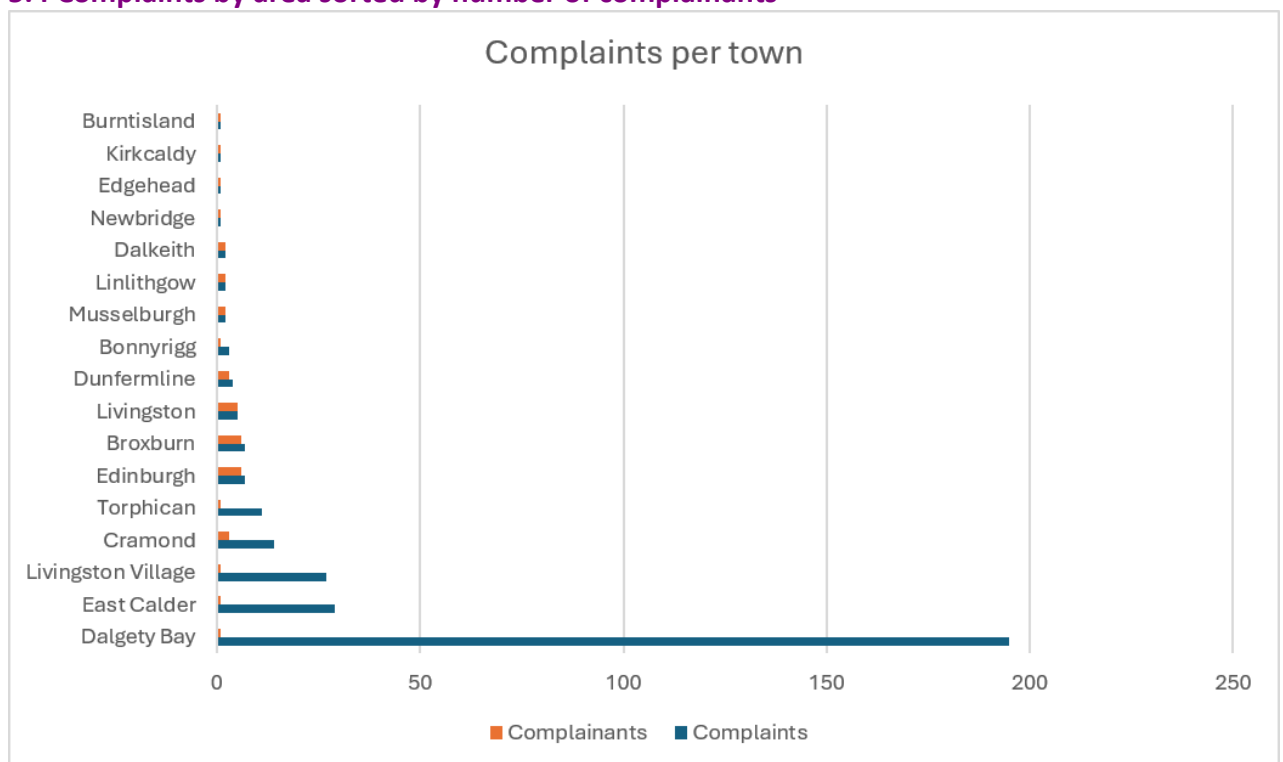
5.2 Runway use

	Period	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Q2/2026 total	Q1/2026 total	% change Q2/2026 v Q1/2026	% change Q2/2026 v Q2/2025
Runway 06	day	3912	3267	2596	9775	7231	35.2%	-23.1%
	night	263	245	150	658	150	338.7%	-18.7%
Runway 24	day	5550	7175	8275	21000	16211	29.5%	14.2%
	night	384	493	685	1562	373	318.8%	7.0%

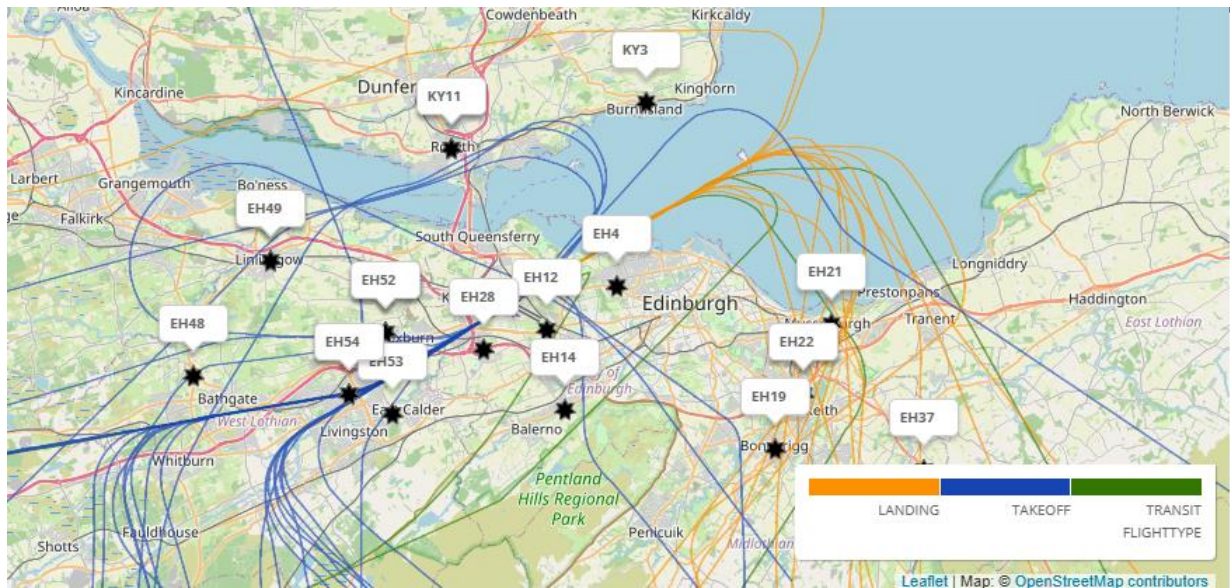
5.3 Complaints by type of enquiry



5.4 Complaints by area sorted by number of complainants



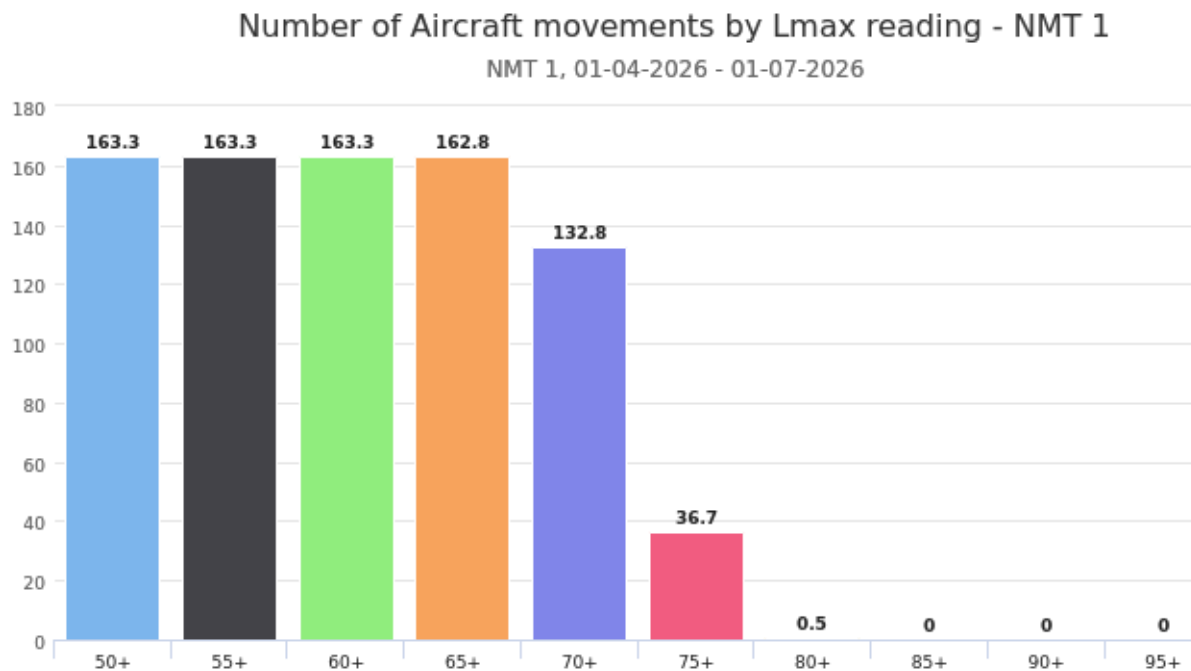
Heat map detailing location of complaints and altitude of aircraft:



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.

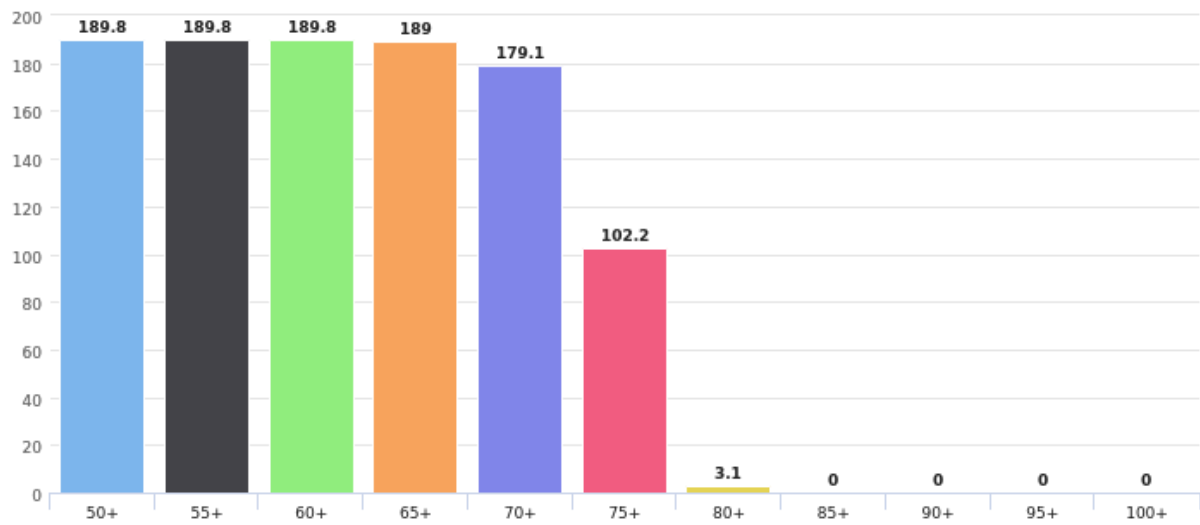
Monitor 1 - Livingston



Monitor 2 – Bathgate

Number of Aircraft movements by Lmax reading - NMT 2

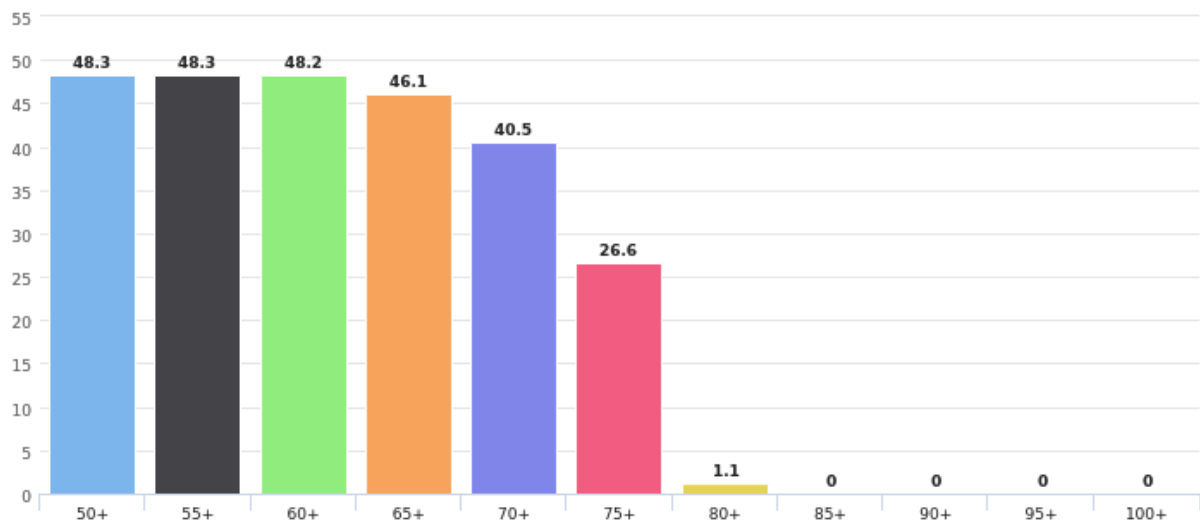
NMT 2, 01-04-2026 - 01-07-2026



Monitor 3 – Cramond

Number of Aircraft movements by Lmax reading - NMT 3

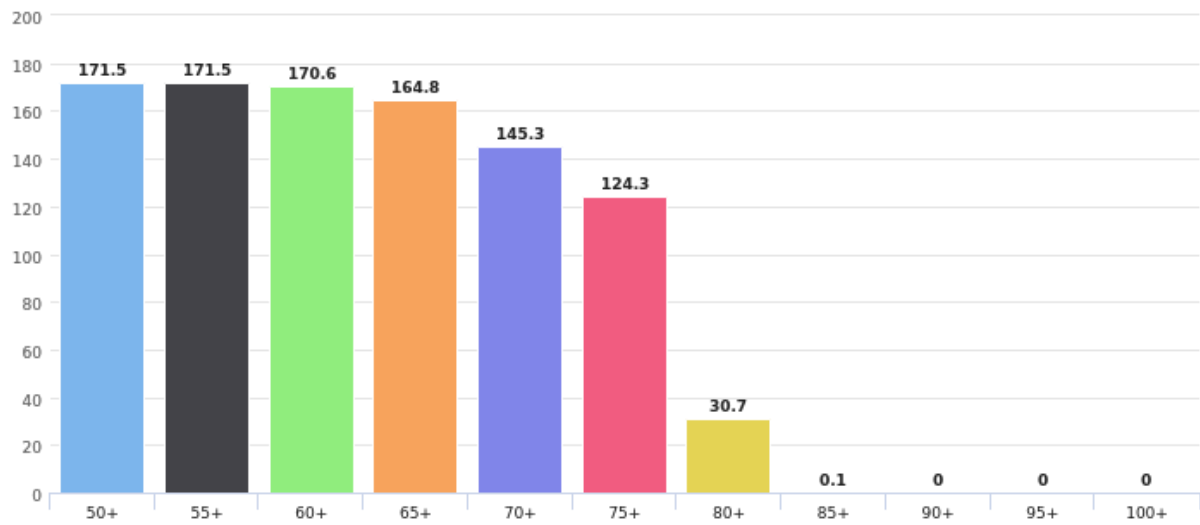
NMT 3, 01-04-2026 - 01-07-2026



Monitor 7 - Cramond primary school

Number of Aircraft movements by Lmax reading - NMT 7

NMT 7, 01-04-2026 - 01-07-2026



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 complain t made	Date/time of disturbanc e	Area	Cause	Aircraf t Type	Departur e Airport	Destinatio n Airport	SID	Vali d Y/N	Reason
2026-04-09 17:48:40	2026-04-09 06:40:00	Edinburgh	Aircraft being too low – low flying	A189	UNK	EGPK		Y	Coastguard helicopter operation – non EDI traffic
2026-05-15 13:20:00	2026-05-13 17:56:17	Edinburgh	Aircraft being too noisy – daytime departures (06:00 – 23:30)	AT75	EGPH	EGHI	TLA6D	Y	Weather
2026-05-18 19:04:37	2026-05-18 17:05:33	Edinburgh	Aircraft being too noisy – daytime departures (06:00 – 23:30)	A21N	EGPH	LIMC	TLA6D	Y	Weather
2026-06-09 08:15:00	2026-06-09 08:15:00	Broxburn	Changes to flight paths – off track	B38M	EGPH	LMML	GRI3C	Y	Weather
2026-06-09 13:44:00	2026-06-09 13:44:00	Livingston	Aircraft being too low – low flying	A320	EGPH	EDDL	TLA6C	Y	Weather
2026-06-18 17:24:00	2026-06-18 17:00:00	Uphall	Aircraft being too noisy – daytime departures (06:00 – 23:30)	B738	EGPH	LGKR	GRI3C	Y	Weather
2026-06-18 17:51:00	2026-06-18 17:17:00	BROXBUR N	Aircraft being too noisy – daytime	B738	EGPH	LIME	GOSAM -24	Y	Weather

			departures (06:00 – 23:30)						
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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 Airport's 2025 Noise Insulation Scheme.
- Our insulation scheme launched in mid-December 2025, with information sent to all properties that may be eligible to apply. 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 Q2 2026	Number of Properties
Number of applications	141
Number of eligible applications	123
Initial home visit arranged	123
Funds assigned from 2026 budget	£212,471.00
Final visit arranged	32
Ineligible - out-with scheme area	18
Complete	32
Funds allocated to date	£212,471.00

- Of the 312 complaints made in Q2 2026, 278 (88.46%) were made by three frequent complainants:
 - 11 (3.52 %) by a complainant in Torphichen.
 - 195 (62.5 %) by a complainant in Dalgety Bay.
 - 27 (8.65 %) by a complainant in Livingston Village.
- 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 August 2026.
- The fixed noise monitoring station at Cramond Manse suffered severe damage to its mast and microphone during Storm David over the Easter weekend is now fully operational.

6. Route development

6.1 Route commentary

Overall Market Update:

- Q2 was another successful quarter for Edinburgh Airport, being the best Q2 in history in terms of passenger numbers.
- International traffic remains the driver of increasing passenger numbers, with international volumes up 7.0% compared to Q2 2025.
- Each month saw an increase in passengers vs the same month in 2025. April was ahead 5%, May was ahead 5% and June was 4% 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.

Airline updates:

Middle East Update:

- Qatar restarted operation at 2x daily in June following updated FCDO advice. Emirates also restarted operation at x1 daily in June.
- Load factors for both carriers increased throughout June and improving further in July - helped by the start of school holiday in UAE.

British Airways

- Incremental rotations (1/2 per week) on LHR-EDI throughout W26.

easyJet

- easyJet have announced two new routes from W26. They will start operating Tromsø and London Southend, alongside their already announced Sharm El Sheikh.

Finnair

- Finnair have added incremental rotations to HEL-EDI in W26 (currently on sale at up to 4 incremental trips per week but could change depending on gauge deployed on core schedule).

Jet2

- Jet2 have made changes to their S27 programme – while KLX, CTA will be removed (and SSH delayed until W27), capacity will be backfilled by additional ALC, AGP and AYT flying.

Norwegian

- ARN will increase from 2 to 4x weekly in all of winter apart from Jan which will remain at 2x weekly.
- CPH will increase from 2 to 4x weekly in all of winter apart from Jan-mid Feb which will operate at 2x weekly for the first time (they usually pause operations).

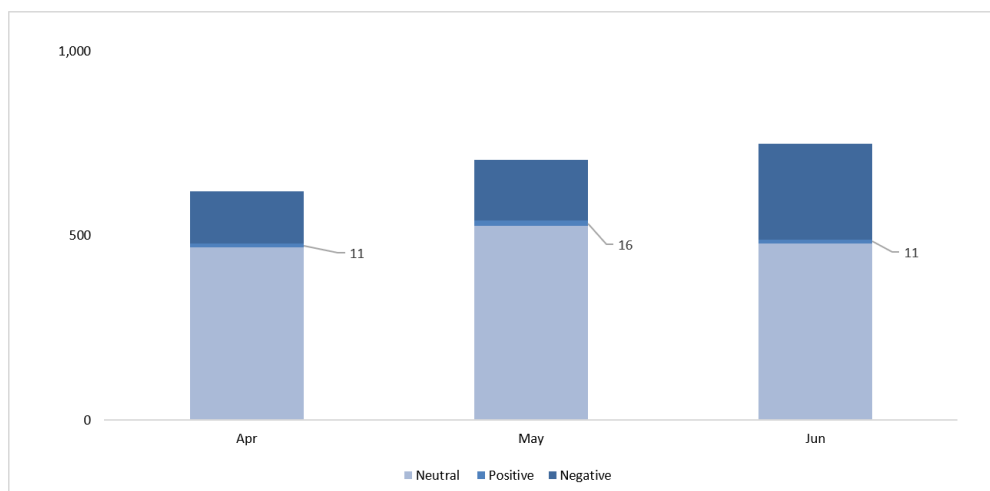
Transavia France

- Extended ORY-EDI throughout winter, operating 3x weekly.

7. Passenger satisfaction analysis

7.1 Complaints, compliments, enquiries and suggestions

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

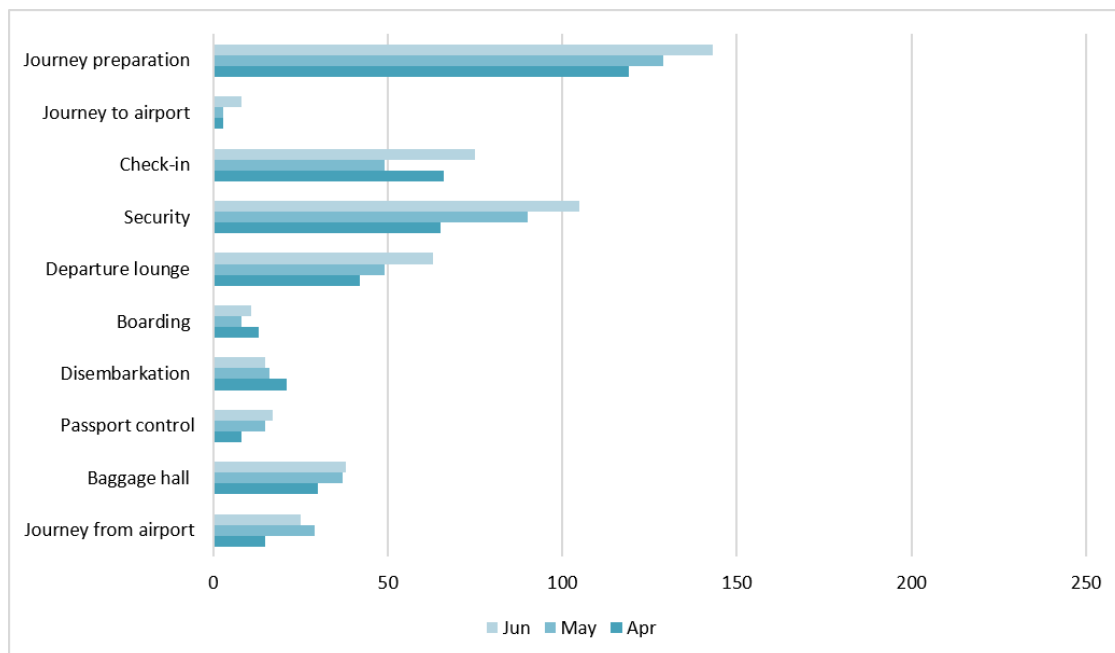


7.1.2 Commentary

	Apr - 26	May - 26	Jun - 26	Total Q2 2026	Q1 26 vs Q2 26 % Change	Total Q2 2025	Q2 2026 vs Q2 2025 % CHANGE
Complaints	141	164	260	565	74%	517	9%
Compliments	11	16	11	38	19%	24	58%
Neutral	468	526	479	1,473	14%	1,626	-9%
Total	620	706	750	2,076	26%	2,177	-5%

- During Q2 the average satisfaction score was 87.5%.
- Q2 closed with an average of 1.16 complaints per 10,000 passengers.

7.2 Passenger Satisfaction



- In Q2 the area with the most enquiries and feedback was '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.