

landing slot at the airport. Aircraft frequently passed directly over, or nearly over, the position of the house. The impact of aircraft noise on the tranquillity of the property was marked. The property was undoubtedly affected by aircraft noise.

It is common ground that the plaintiff's enjoyment of the property was diminished by aircraft noise at those times when he was enjoying the amenities of the property

outdoors and aircrafts were stacked up, maintaining their spiral course around the beacon, waiting for a landing slot at the airport. Nevertheless, after initial vacillation, the plaintiff decided not to sell the property and he does not presently intend to do so.

The five Law Lords found unanimously that the final judges decision should stand, as should the amount of £10,000 awarded in

damages.

This expensive and prolonged case shows two things: first that the plaintiff, Farley, was unwise to expect a surveyor to give an expert opinion on a question of exposure to aircraft noise, and second, that Skinner the surveyor was doubly unwise to venture his opinion, on a topic he was unqualified and a situation (the action of flight paths) on which he was uninformed.

Standards News

Some draft publications made available for public comment during 2001

Number	Title
01/561184DC	BS ISO 1996-1. Acoustics. Description and measurement of environmental noise qualities and assessment procedures.
01/202453DC	IEC 60034-9 Rotating electrical machines, Part 9: Noise limits.
01/202495DC	BSIEC 60034-9/A1 Rotating electrical machines: Noise limits
01/560341DC	BSENISO 3381 Railway applications. Noise emission: Measurement of noise in vehicles.

Bikers

Here on the Nottinghamshire/Leicestershire border, we have hundreds of enthusiasts who like to dress up in gaily-coloured leathers, jump on to their powerful and far from standard bikes with deafening exhausts and usually illegal number plates, and then scream out to the country for their gatherings and road races. On the road itself, they intimidate other road-users as they blast by at speeds often well in excess of 100mph. Hostelrys out in the sticks hold "bikers' nights" and for hour after hour, one hears the scream of highly tuned engines destroying what little peace we can get nowadays. It's obvious from their behaviour that many of them have some sort of death wish. Well, that's their choice, but if they are going to go around killing themselves, could they at least do it quietly?