

Extremely annoying cityjet training flights over southend

Earlier on today a low flying BA CityFlyer was circling the area after taking off from Southend Airport. The purpose is apparently to enable the pilot to register flying time. Southend Air Traffic Control inform me that this activity is permitted. Really? It was circling at 1500ft.

It is inevitable that this aircraft is usually based at London City Airport. This airport is closed from 12:30pm every Saturday to offer residents respite from the noise. It is likely that as a result of LCY now being closed, this nuisance activity has move to Southend where the local residents are not afforded the same courtesy.

I got a response from my complaint regarding the training flights over the weekend. They say they have only occurred 6 times this year to date and consider them infrequent. They also said that if enough notice was given to them when the booking was made that they would publicise any training flights 5 days ahead of time. However, they again inform me that they are operating within their guidelines.. so nothing I can do about it.