

## **Importing a .KML File to Google Earth**


When viewing Noise Contours, we advise you to do this in conjunction with viewing our Noise Action Plan. This contains an introduction to aircraft noise/ an explanation of how we measure noise (section 2) and full results of the latest Noise Contours (section 4). The latest Noise Action Plan is available to download via our website at this link: [Noise Action - Birmingham Airport Website](#)

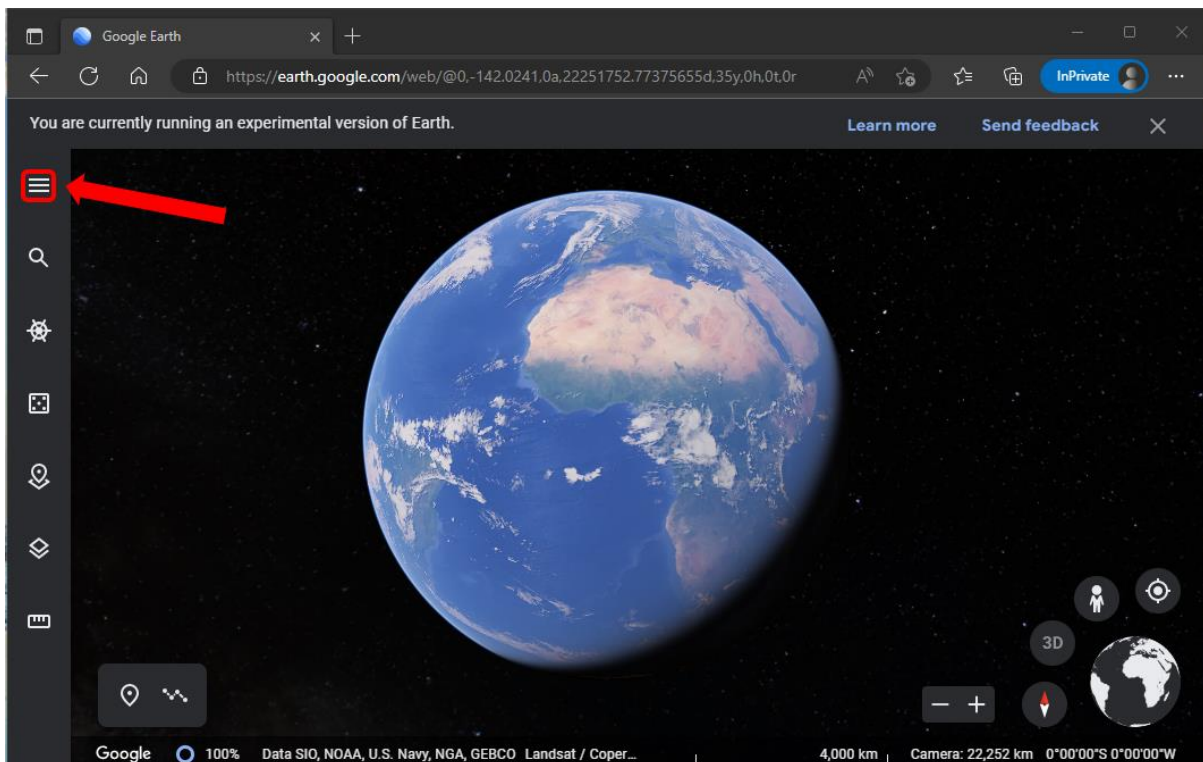
### **A. Downloading .KML File:**


1. .KML Files contain the information needed to show Birmingham Airport's noise contours on Google Earth. Following these steps will allow you to use the interactivity of Google Earth to explore the latest noise contours.
2. First you will need to download the .KML file from Birmingham Airport's website, a download link is available on this page: [Noise Action - Birmingham Airport Website](#)

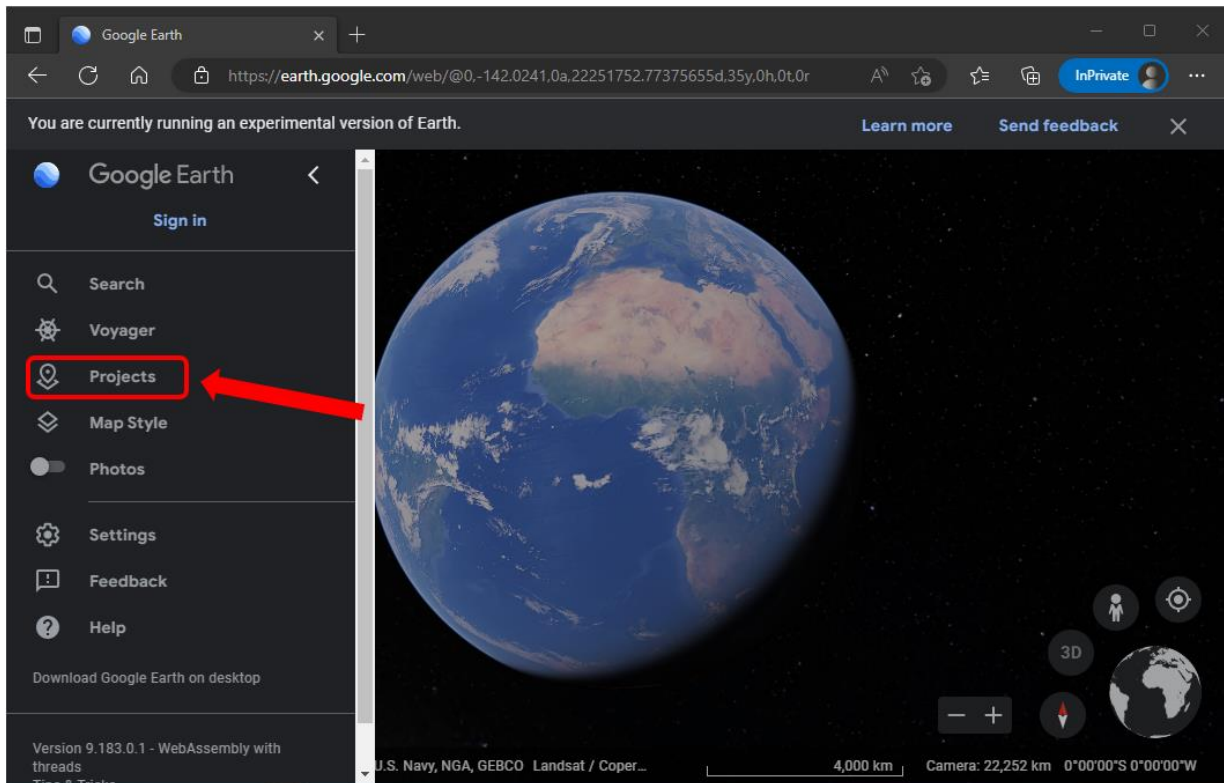
Once downloaded save the KML file to a memorable location on your computer – it should automatically save to your download folder. Remember this location as you will need to find the file later on in these instructions.

### **B. Uploading .KML File to Google Earth:**

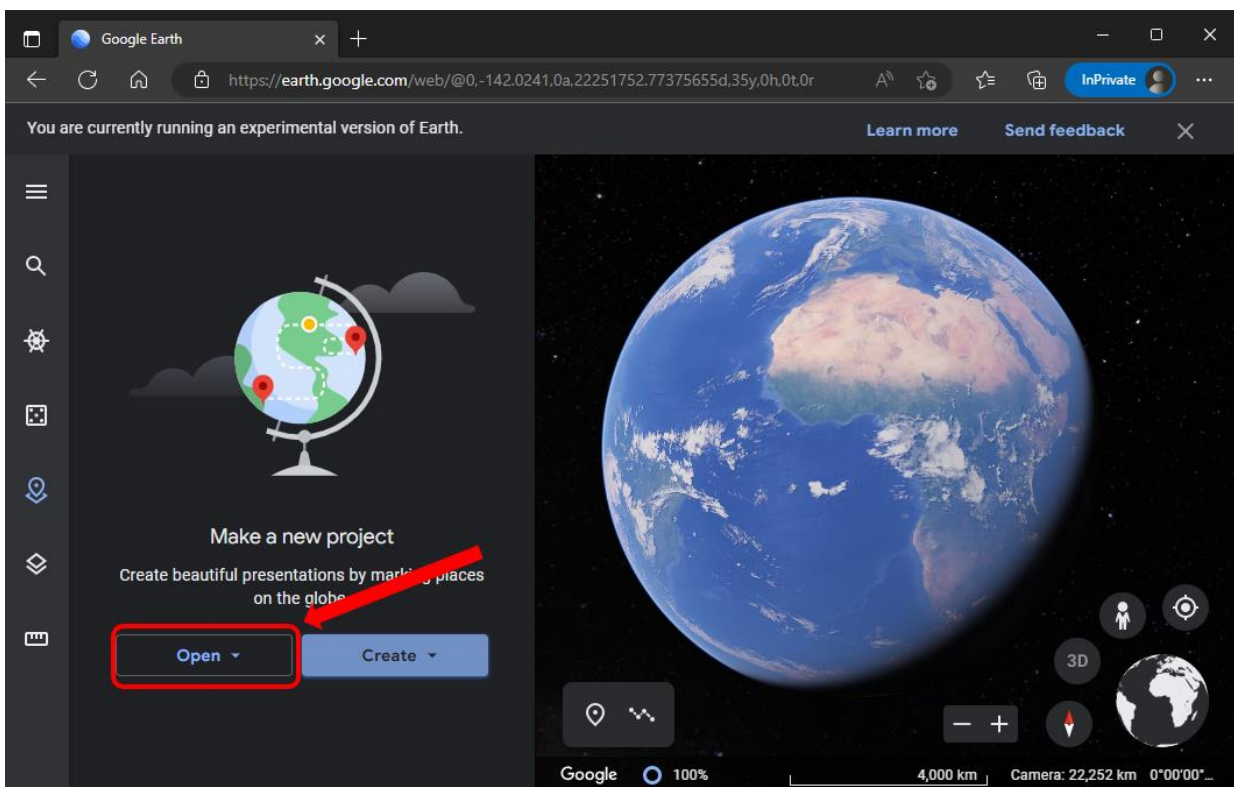
1. Go to <https://earth.google.com/web/> on your browser on your computer. Google Earth is supported on Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Opera.
2. Click the three horizontal lines  button on the top left of the screen.



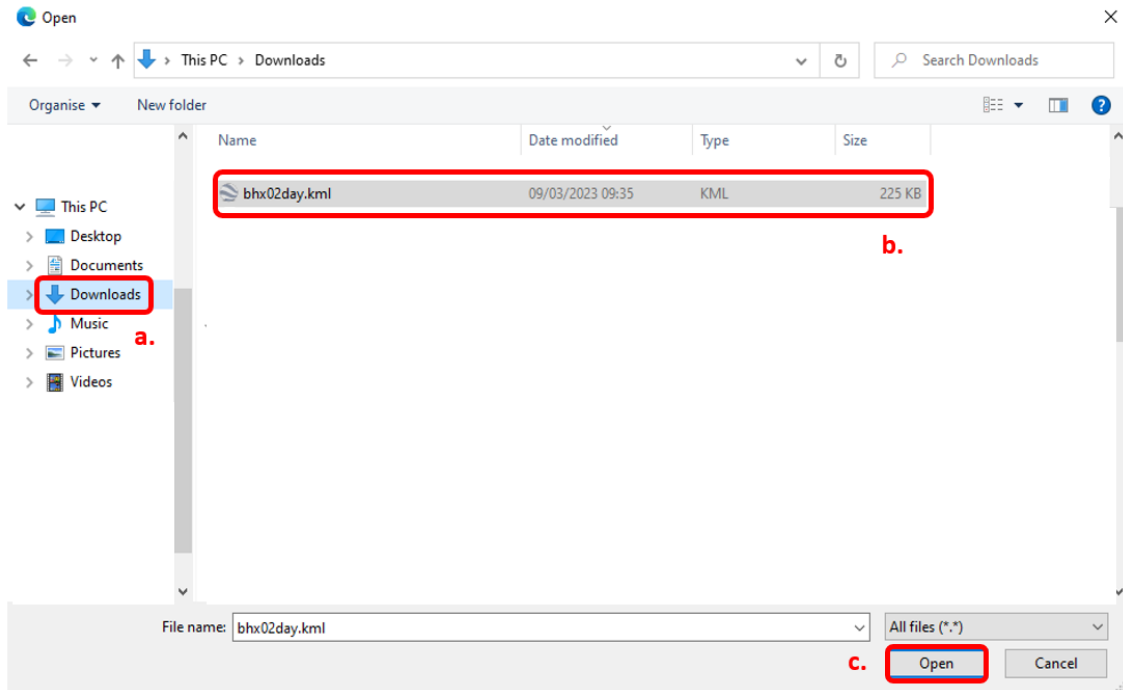
3. This will open the Menu. From here click the third option down  entitled Projects



4. You will be prompted to either open or create a new project. Click the open option followed by the "Import KML file from computer" drop down option.



- This will bring up a file browser box from which you can find the KML file you have downloaded in step A1. Locate the KML file; in this example it is found in the download folder to the left of the box (a).
- Once you have located the KML file you can either double click on it (b) or click on it once and then click open (c).



- The KML file will have now opened on your Google Earth browser. The contours will be a red overlay on the map face. You can zoom in and out of the map using your mouse wheel and move the map by right-clicking, holding and dragging your mouse.

