



FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
“keeping people informed”

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2007
IN BAE SYSTEMS, FARNBOROUGH**

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
Laurence	Armes	Ash Parish Council
John	Bennison	Hart DC
Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
Mike	Drew	Surrey Heath
John	Gregory	FACC Secretary
John	Harrocks	North Hampshire CCI
Daphne	Knowles	Mitchell Frimley Green & Deepcut Society
Geoff	Marks	Farnborough Aerodrome Residents' Assoc.
Stephen	O'Grady	Farnham Town Council
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
James	Radley	Hart DC
Jenny	Radley	FCCS
Marion	Shepherd	FCOT
Madeleine	Stickels	Flight Safety International
Martin	Tennant	Rushmoor BC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Apologies

David	Atfield	Farnham Town Council
David	Argent	Crandall Parish Council
John	Batty	British Business & General Aviation Assoc
J.	Cairns	Farnborough International
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates
Peter	Hutcheson	Hampshire CC
P.	Isherwood	Waverley BC
Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC

Item 1. Appointment of Chairman

Councillor Dibbs opened the meeting and invited the Committee to agree to the appointment of Philip Riley as Chairman. The Committee agreed unanimously.

Philip Riley took the Chair and thanked the Committee for its support. It was agreed that he should write to the retiring Chairman, Robin MacKay to express the Committee's thanks and appreciation.

Action: Chairman to write.

Item 2. Appointment of Secretary

The Chairman invited the Committee to appoint John Gregory as Secretary to the Committee. The Committee agreed unanimously. John Gregory thanked the Committee and advised that he would wish to see all correspondence undertaken by e-mail and circulated a form inviting all members of the Committee to complete contact details.

Item 3. Notes of Meeting held on 15th March and Matters Arising

The Chairman reminded the Committee of the constitution and purpose. The notes of the meeting held on 15th March were agreed as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

Item 4. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly presented his report dealing with air traffic movements, noise monitoring, air quality monitoring, runway use, new development, initiatives and complaints.

In answer to a question from Jenny Radley the Committee was informed that the Inspector's report on change of weekend movements is expected on or before 30th October.

In answer to a point raised by Councillor Bennison it was agreed that noise monitoring equipment could be made available outside the perimeters of the airfield in response to specific requests. The Committee acknowledged that the new procedures meant that there is a narrower noise corridor and it was agreed that monitoring equipment could be used at the house of the resident particularly affected by this, and reference was made specifically to no. 28 Whiteacres, Mychett. Where there are regular complaints from particular residents TAG will follow up personally and meet with complainants. It was pointed out that the schedule of complaints did not include June when committee members thought that more complaints would have been lodged. TAG reminded the Committee that all papers have to be submitted at least 10 days before the meeting and that it takes several days to record and respond to complainants, but that every one is answered individually. The Committee was keen to have as up to date information as possible.

Action: TAG to provide information as up to date as possible prior to committee papers being circulated.

4.2 of the report refers to non runway helicopter movements but there is no separate record of runway helicopter movements.

Action: TAG to review and advise Committee at next meeting.

An analysis will be undertaken to plot the location of complaints in relation

to the new flight path recording time and position.

Items 5 and 6 Noise Reduction Procedures and Communication with Local Community.

Brandon O'Reilly assured the Committee that he was keen to involve local people and keep them fully informed. Some of the initiatives which TAG is putting in place include a new bus service from the station, stopping at the airport and QinetiQ, a bicycle purchase scheme to encourage staff to cycle to work, and a carbon trust audit which will help to ensure that the airport operates in an environmentally way as possible. He acknowledged however that the most important issue is noise.

Roger Walker of TAG made a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was made available to each member of the Committee. Since the meeting in November TAG has met with 3 residents' associations with a view to reducing noise problems as far as possible. Roger demonstrated through a series of diagrams the changes which have been put in place to narrow the noise corridor. TAG's aim is that all pilots using Farnborough will have clear documentation showing exactly what procedures they should be following. TAG has introduced ground power units free of charge to all airport users, will use rolling take offs where ever possible and requires all aircraft to conform to approach and take off procedures whether operating visually or on instruments. The aim is to avoid cutting corners and over-flying residential areas which are off the approach and take off tracks. Procedures are being put in place to conform with air traffic control needs and also the view of residents. This is an ongoing dialogue and reviews will be undertaken. Roger reminded the Committee that 70% of all departures are to the south west. A demonstration flight took place for members of the noise reduction sub committee and local journalists. The trial summary requires aircraft to proceed straight ahead for 2 miles using best rate of climb before turning left or right. However this is subject to change by air traffic control for safety reasons.

In discussion Councillor Pitt referred to complaints over a wide area of Surrey and lack of information from the noise sub committee to all committee members. It was agreed that it is inevitable that the new procedures will have a greater effect on fewer people and the Committee asked that all options for noise reduction be considered. The sub committee members were keen to complete the current trials and findings before making information too widely available.

Other activities such as increased gliding from Odiham may affect flight paths on occasions. The Committee agreed that a further review is necessary having regard to whether procedures should operate 2 or 2.5 miles before turning left or right and that the review must have regard to the increasing number of movements from the airport, and the significance of helicopter noise.

It was agreed that TAG would continue to work with the noise sub committee to explore all options having regard to TAG requirements, air safety considerations and the need to reduce nuisance to residents as far as possible. It is also agreed that there should be better communication with the Committee, if necessary between meetings.

Action: TAG and noise sub committee.

Item 7. Questions from Members of the Public

The Chairman invited members of the public to ask questions of the Committee. One member of the public applauded the tighter control of approach and landing but expressed his concern regarding the noise of helicopters. TAG was asked when the master plan would be submitted to Rushmoor BC and how “royal and diplomatic movements” were categorised and whether these are included in the overall total.

TAG advised that consultants had been engaged as part of the master plan process to look at the economic impact of the airport, noise, public safety zone and legal issues. The aim is to have a document publicly available in the first quarter of 2008. Nothing has been submitted to Rushmoor BC. TAG Farnborough will update the FACC at the next meeting on the Master Planning process. With regard to Royal and Diplomatic movements Brandon O'Reilly stated that these are categorised in accordance with the Section 106 Agreement and are not included in the figures contained in the TAG Information Report.

A view was expressed that there is lack of consultation with the community but the Chairman responded that the Consultative Committee fully engaged with residents' associations and local councillors whose duty it is to inform their members. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Consultative Committee is open to members of the public and is advertised in the local press.

A resident of South Farnham expressed his concerns regarding over flights and nuisance and the use of reverse thrust on landing. TAG responded that reverse thrust depends on weight and conditions but is used as little as possible. However safety is paramount. An Ash resident asked whether there are many emergencies in landing and take off as he reported seeing from his garden numerous vapour trails which he asserted may be a safety concern. The Chairman advised that the question was not specific enough to TAG Farnborough Airport to be dealt with by the FACC.

The occupier of 28 Whiteacres Road, Mychett informed the Committee that aircraft were flying lower and more frequently over his house, destroying his quality of life. He was also concerned as to the possibility of terrorist attacks. An undertaking was given that the noise working group will consider his concerns.

Action: TAG and noise working group.

Item 8. Matters raised by the Committee not on the Agenda

Jenny Radley reported to the Committee that there have been several reports from local residents under the flight path in Church Crookham who believe they have experienced the effects of vortices as aircraft arriving at Farnborough Airport flew over their homes and gardens. She asked that studies from other airports in the country would be made available on the FACC website. The Committee requested that the website should contain information such as the definition of vortices, the reporting and complaints procedure.

Action: TAG to provide details on FACC website.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Rushmoor BC is undertaking an area action plan for Farnborough Airport (APP) and invited Cliff Lane of Savills, the consultants appointed by Rushmoor BC, to address the Committee. Cliff Lane advised that the APP is part of the local development framework and that he is preparing a pre-production report which will include the boundaries of the plan and review all concerns from users and third parties. The timing of this is uncertain as Rushmoor BC still has to prepare its core strategy. The APP will provide a vision of the airport and its environs and strategic objectives. Consultation is critical and an issues and options report will be published which will inform the preferred options and feed in to the local development framework. It was agreed that there should be a regular update on the APP to the Committee.

Action: APP to be included as a standing item.

Norman Lambert advised the Committee that there have been between 500-600 hits per month on the website and that there will be regular updates provided by TAG to keep the site fully up to date.

Item 9. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on **1st November 2007 at 14:00 hrs. in BAE Systems, Farnborough.**

Meetings in 2008 will be at the same time and venue on:

Thursday 6th March

Thursday 3rd July and

Thursday 6th November.