

TAG Farnborough Airport

Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee TAG Information Report July 2007

1. Aircraft Movements

1.1 TAG's planning permission allows for 28,000 movements a year, of which up to 1,500 may be between 50-80 tonnes maximum take-off weight (MTOW).

1.2 Movements since the last meeting are as follows:-

Month	Aircraft Movements	50-80T movements	Weekend movements
February	1797	10	202
March	2037	15	214
April	1942	19	248
May	2470	21	281
Period Total	8246	65	945
2007 Total to date	10016	84	1217

2. Noise monitoring

2.1 The fixed Noise Monitoring Terminals continue to operate from their locations on the Runway 06 and 24 approaches. The portable noise monitor has been placed in a number of positions within the airport boundary, both air and landside, to collect data on airport ground noise.

2.2 Modelling of all of the movements in 2006 and predicted movements for the calendar year 2007 was completed in February and reported in the last TAG Information Report in March. The next modelling exercise is scheduled for July in which noise contours for quarters 1 and 2, and predicted noise contours for quarters 3 and 4, will be produced. Full reports of the modelling exercises will be supplied to Rushmoor, Hart and Surrey Heath councils in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act Section 106 Agreement between TAG (as airport operator) and Rushmoor Borough Council (as planning authority).

3. Air Quality Monitoring

- 3.1 Air quality monitoring continues at 13 locations in Rushmoor and Hart. All results from the monitoring devices (passive and active) continue to indicate NOx levels that fall below those expected for urban background sites. NOx monitoring results continue to show no indication of being influenced by airport operations.

4. Runway Use

- 4.1 The predominant south westerly winds in the Farnborough area continued to favour use of runway 24 during the first quarter of 2007. April was however an uncharacteristic month in which the easterly wind resulted in equal use of runway 06. All recorded runway use and operation (i.e. Departure or Arrival) figures for the months of February, March, April and May are given below. Some helicopters are subject to different procedures to fixed wing aircraft, and do not require the use of the runway and ILS navigational aids; they are therefore classified separately.

4.2 Percentage Runway use:

Month	24 Arrs	06 Deps	06 Arrs	24 Deps	Non r/w Helis
February	39	9	10	39	3
March	35	12	13	37	3
April	25	23	24	25	3
May	34	14	14	35	3

5. New Development

- 5.1 The hearing of evidence regarding TAG's appeal against Rushmoor's decision with respect redistribution of weekend movements took place over the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of April. The planning inspectors report is to be submitted to the Secretary of State by the 15th June and a decision is expected by the end of October.

6. Initiatives

- 6.1 Visits and tours undertaken at the airfield, hosted by TAG, since the previous meeting have been as follows: -

13.02.07 Fleet Morning Towns Womens Guild
20.02.07 Farnborough Lions Club
06.03.07 Exeter University Convocation Club
20.03.07 Collingwood College
10.04.07 7th Farnborough Cubs
16.04.07 Cub group, North Camp
24.04.07 Farnborough International (Rotary Club)
01.05.07 North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
01.05.07 Institute of Mechanical Engineering
02.05.07 Institute of Mechanical Engineering
10.05.07 Farnborough Tech
15.05.07 Farnborough Tech
22.05.07 Basingstoke College
16.06.07 Noise Abatement Presentation for Residents Association and Press
19.06.07 Farnborough Ladies Night
20.06.07 St Pirans School

7. Complaints

- 7.1 The logging and investigation of all complaints received at the airport continues using the dedicated complaint line, together with the routine daily monitoring of aircraft tracks for compliance with published procedures. The complaints line (01252 526001) is now accessible through the main TAG switchboard number.
- 7.2 All aircraft that fail to follow mandatory procedures without prior authorisation from ATC are made subject to further investigation, and follow-up action taken with regard to the flight operator wherever necessary. On occasion aircraft are permitted to deviate from mandatory procedures by ATC, this is only ever the case where the maintenance of safety margins demands the cancellation of noise abatement procedures.
- The number of noise abatement cancellations issued is being recorded and monitored using data provided by ATC.
- 7.3 Following debate at the last FACC meeting TAG continue to refine the reporting of complaints. Attached is a summary table for the period since the last meeting along with a more detailed report of complaints received and the details associated.

Complaints Summary Table

Year	Month	Total No. of Complaints	Total No. of Complainants	Nature of Complaint			No. of non-compliant flights that resulted in complaints *	No. of TAG flights that resulted in complaints	No. of Non-TAG flights that resulted in complaints	Total No. of Movements	Total No. of non-compliant flights	No. of Operator Responses received to a non-compliant letter
				Noise	Track	Other						
2007	Feb	13	11	5	5	3	0	10	3	1797	6	5
	Mar	28	18	13	4	11	1	21	7	2037	7	7
	Apr	40	17	15	15	10	1 + 5 authorised	38	2	1942	6	3
	May	34	13	2	27	5	0	31	3	2470	0	n/a
Totals		115	38	35	51	29	7	100	15	8246	19	15

** includes flights authorised by ATC to cancel noise abatement*

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