

FACC meeting on 27 October 2011 Update on the preparation of the Rushmoor Plan

Work continues on the preparation of the “Rushmoor Plan”, the emerging Local Development Framework for Rushmoor Borough. The Core Strategy is central to this, and was subject to Examination by an Independent Inspector earlier this year. The Council received the Inspector’s Report on 20th September 2011, the conclusions of which were that the Core Strategy was found to be “sound”. The Council adopted the Core Strategy on 6 October 2011. Further information is available at www.rushmoor.gov.uk/corestrategy.

How does this affect planning policy to guide the future of the Airport?

The Core Strategy is the starting point for the consideration of planning applications that relate to Farnborough Airport. It is reproduced below for information.

Policy SP6 - Farnborough Airport

Within the operational area of Farnborough Airport, development will be restricted to that supporting business aviation and associated airport related uses.

In respect of business aviation movements, permission has been granted for up to a maximum of 50,000 annual Air Traffic Movements, of which no more than 8,900 are at weekends and Bank Holidays. Proposals to change the pattern, nature or number of movements will only be permitted provided that the following criteria are met:

- a. That the need for a change in business aviation movements at Farnborough is demonstrated;
- b. That the aircraft noise impact is no higher than an agreed baseline level (to be established in the Farnborough Airport Area Action Plan);
- c. That the 1:10,000 per annum annual risk contour at either end of runway 06/24 does not extend to areas where people live, work or congregate, or beyond the area at the eastern end of the runway where saved Policy FA1 of the Rushmoor Local Plan Review, 1996 - 2011, (or its successor in the Farnborough Airport Area Action Plan) applies;
- d. That the consequences of any change does not change the maximum extent of the 1:100,000 per annum annual risk contour;
- e. That any material increase in air pollution or odour is adequately mitigated;
- f. In respect of any change to the number of movements, that economic benefits to the local and wider economy can be demonstrated;
- g. That flying at the most sensitive times of the day and week is limited to respect the amenities of residents in and adjoining Rushmoor Borough;
- h. That there is no adverse impact on international, national and local nature conservation designations;
- i. That impacts of any changes on surface water runoff are adequately managed;
- j. That the proposal is consistent with the Farnborough Airport Area Action Plan.

What happens next?

In the context of changes at national Government level, particularly the publication of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework, the Council is revisiting its work programme to ensure that appropriate policy guidance is prepared at the local level to help guide future development in the Borough. We are currently considering the best way to deliver the detailed policies on the Airport.

The Council is hoping to publish an update to its work programme by the end of 2011. Officers will provide an overview of this, highlighting key consultation dates, at the next meeting of the FACC in March 2012. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Piper for further information: louise.piper@rushmoor.gov.uk or on 01252 398410.