

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26TH November 2014
AT
THE PARK CENTRE, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
Simon	Ambler	Hart District
David	Attfield	Farnham Town Council
Cllr. Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
Dan	Foster	NATS
John	Gregory	Secretary
Cllr. Beverley	Harding	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr. Nick	Harris	Church Crookham Parish Council
Cllr. Josephine	Hawkins	Surrey Heath BC
Norman	Lambert	Crandall Parish Council
Chris	Main	Mytchett Res. Soc.
Geoff	Marks	FARA
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Cllr. Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
Jenny	Radley	Fleet & Church Crookham Society
Cllr. James	Radley	Hart DC
Jonathan	Smith	Farnborough International
Cllr. Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Item 1 - Apologies:

Kevin	Daley	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut
Liz	Miles	Farnborough College
TBA		Chamber of Commerce
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd.
Cllr Paul	Spooner	Ash Parish Council

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 26th June 2014 and Matters Arising

Minutes to be amended to record apologies from Councillor Dibbs.

Geoff Marks asked that reference be made to noise contours.

Geoff Marks questioned what was meant by the term “simplified departure and arrival track representations” used within the methodology of the TAG INM Noise Assessment Report.

Miles Thomas confirmed that prior to 2010 TAG had used actual tracks to model annual noise contours and this relied upon a specialist piece of software. Use of actual tracks in the model also presented a number of complications including extraction of aircraft that fall outside the scope of modelling (non-business flights) and extrapolation of tracks to meet the runway.

Following notification that the specialist software would not be available for the newest version of INM (7), TAG, in consultation with Rushmoor Borough Council, researched what methods other airports used and found the significant majority used modelled tracks. This involves reviewing track arrival and departure patterns, producing a simplified model and then applying a dispersion value to the replicate the natural variation that can occur.

The simplified tracks for the TAG INM process model the 06 and 24 arrival paths, the single 06 departure path and four versions of the 24 departure path, namely Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP) North and South and Noise Abatement Cancelled North and South. Miles Thomas to discuss the question regarding aircraft height with Councillor Harris after this meeting.

Item 3. TAG Information Report

Brandon O’Reilly reported that there has been a 6% increase in movements year on year, weekend flights are up 7% and above 50 tonne movements down 6%. The 30-50 tonne band movements is up 4.5% year on year.

Meadowgate is now fully operational with a new exit off the roundabout to be opened later. The Silver Building will be demolished in January. Brandon referred to the Biggin Hill/Northolt judicial review. The air show was very successful and the chalet row A is a permanent structure. There was a successful CAA audit and the airfield is “winter ready”.

Geoff Marks referred to the reapplication for the maintenance hangar and the Committee recorded its support for this application. Councillor Dibbs declared his interest as a Rushmoor Councillor on the Planning Committee.

It was reported that the CAA is transitioning into the EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) but the rules and regulations will remain virtually unchanged.

Item 4. TAG Reports

Miles Thomas referred to the new format. Jenny Radley was pleased to see the summary tables and Norman Lambert referred to the increased movement frequency. Councillor Dibbs felt that the overall reporting format is too long and the real issue is non compliance reports. James Radley agreed and felt that the main issue is the impact on individuals and Chris Pitt was pleased to see the dates and days recorded. Councillor Attfield felt that the report should be shorter and if individuals wanted more detail they could obtain this from TAG. The Committee was invited to vote on whether it wished to adopt the new format or revert to the simpler system. It was carried by 8 votes to 4 that the new format be adopted.

Action: Miles Thomas

Item 5. Airspace Change Proposal

Roger Walker reported that the report was on schedule and invited Kell Kirkland to address the Committee. A copy of Kell's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Roger Walker confirmed that the Committee will see Document B Report before it is submitted formally to the CAA. In view of the time scale for this Roger advised that it will be necessary to have a special meeting in late March/early April. The Secretary will advise as soon as a date is confirmed.

Action: Roger Walker and Secretary

James Radley asked whether changes are likely to be significant. Kel confirmed since the consultation had closed, events outside of TAGs control had allowed some elements of the proposal to be refined which had resulted in less airspace being required than was originally thought, subject to some reengagement with aviation stakeholders.

Item 6. Questions from Members of the Public

Mr. Hugh Sheppard asked "In the original consultation TAG's background papers put actual flight paths and anticipated traffic levels under the Control Airspace Proposal into the public domain. This enabled CPRE and others to draw some conclusions as to the potential impact of the proposals, which may have been a factor in the very high level of adverse responses. With the revisions that TAG has said it will incorporate into the submission to the CAA early next year, will details of such tracks and their traffic levels again be in the public domain? Would this be more or less at the same time as TAG's submission or if not to come into the public domain would TAG kindly explain why not?"

Roger Walker reported that FACC will see the report in advance of submission and it will then be put on the Internet. It was agreed that every effort would be made to brief the Committee to enable members to understand the proposals and their implications for the people they represent. Roger Walker reminded members that FACC did not respond as an organisation. Geoff Marks referred to CAP725 which requires consultation with the Committee and was reminded that minutes of the Committee are submitted to the CAA. Geoff commended TAG on the way in which it has involved FACC. The Chairman said that he thought all parties had done their best to be actively involved in the process.

Item 7. Matters Raised by the Committee

The Chairman reminded members that all correspondence including members questions should be through the Secretary.

In response to questions raised by Geoff Marks it was confirmed that TAG did give its concurrence to the Biggin Hill submissions in so far as they recommend that Farnborough is a designated reliever airport. Brandon stated that Biggin Hill's supplementary submission to the Parliamentary Committee which refers to Biggin Hill/ Farnborough can be made available and gave Geoff Marks the Q&A script that was used in the Committee (hyperlink shown below). Rushmoor BC stated that "The Airports Commission, in their Interim Report published December 2013, have already considered the concept of 'reliever airports' and concluded that Government intervention was not necessary. In the unlikely event that any such designation was considered then the airport would still have to operate within the parameters set by the existing planning permission and accompanying legal agreement."

Brandon O'Reilly referred to TV coverage of debates and in particular www.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/210244339 scroll to 1 hr. 25mins. 35 secs.

Geoff Marks queried where he could find the TAG response and input to the Davis Commission.

TAG advised that they would provide their submission and the document is attached to these minutes.

Item 8. Date of next Meeting

The next meetings of the committee will take place on :

- **Thursday 26th February 2015**
- **Thursday 25th June 2015**
- **Thursday 29th October 2015**

All meetings will commence at 14:00 be at The Park Centre Farnborough Aerospace Centre unless otherwise notified.

The Committee will meet in late March/early April to consider, in confidence, the Document B of the Airspace Change Proposal.