



TAG Farnborough Airport

Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee

TAG Information Report

March 2004

1. Aircraft Movements

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

1.2 Business Movements to date in 2004 are as follows

Month	Fixed Wing and Helicopter Movements	Quarter Total Movements	Total Movements 2003	50-80T movements	Quarter Total	Total 2003
January 2004	1116			29		
February 2004	1223		2339	28		57
March 2004						
April 2004						
May 2004						
June 2004						
July 2004						
August 2004						
September 2004						
October 2004						
November 2004						
December 2004						

2. Noise monitoring

2.1 A comprehensive regime of noise and flight track monitoring has been initiated. Noise data continues to be continually collected at three monitoring points using specialist-monitoring software that correlates recorded noise data, to flights using the airport. The process of modelling the noise data collected, to produce annual noise exposure contours is underway at present, early indications are that the general areas indicated by the original contours were accurate and will not have been exceeded. All previous results from the noise monitoring studies have been published and issued to Rushmoor Borough Council.

2.2 Noise contour work is ongoing and a full report on this will be made to the next meeting of the Committee.

3. Air Quality Monitoring

3.1 Nitrogen oxides are monitored as an overall indication of air quality. Nitrogen oxide monitoring is carried out continually at a total of thirteen separate locations within the airport and surrounding area. Air quality monitoring is carried out using two different methods, passively by diffusion tubes which produce monthly mean results and actively by two automatic air quality samplers which produce results as fifteen minute averages. Results recorded so far indicate that nitrogen oxide levels remain at or below those expected at urban background locations. All results from the air quality monitoring studies have been published and issued to Rushmoor Borough Council.

4. Complaints

4.1 The logging and investigation of all complaints received at the airport continues using the dedicated complaint line. Since October 2003 a total of 10 complaints have been received. A breakdown of the nature of both the complaints and the responses provided is given below:

Area	Noise/Track	Non Compliance?	Response
Fleet	Track	No	Explanatory letter
Church Crookham	Track	No	Explanatory letter
Church Crookham	Track	No ATC Authorised	Attempted to re contact, failed.
Fleet	Track	Not Farnborough traffic	Informed complainant
Farnborough	Engine testing.	Compliant with agreed procedures	Informed complainant
Farnborough	Track	ILS approach high winds, compliant	Explanatory letter sent.
Fleet	3 aircraft track & noise	No (Only 1 Farnborough aircraft.)	Telephoned Complainant.
Farnborough	Air Quality	No	Explanatory Letter sent
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Under Investigation	Air Quality		

5. New Development

- 5.1 The Security Gatehouse is now completed and came into use at the end of February 2004.
- 5.2 Construction of the new Operations and Terminal Building is planned to start in Spring 2004.
- 5.3 Q Shed was demolished in February and Flight Safety International has now commenced construction of its new flight simulator training facility.

6. New Initiatives

6.1 The Public Safety Zone for Farnborough was declared by the Department for Transport at the beginning of January. To date, no formal maps have been received. TAG has prepared maps from the co-ordinates provided and plans of these will be displayed at the Meeting.

6.2 Since the last Committee meeting in November, there have been a number of visits to the airport and talks given to local groups:

FACC Christmas Sherry and Mince Pies – 17 December 2003

Talk to Townswomen's Guild – Thursday 8 January 2004

FACC Noise & Track System Demonstration 8th January

Guided Tour Aldershot Air Cadets Monday 12th January

Fire safety visits Camberley School 12th & 13th January

HRH Prince Edward visited the Airport on Wednesday 14 January 2004

Talk to Royal Aeronautical Society, Weybridge, Wednesday 14 January 2004

FACC Noise & Track System Demonstration 15th January

Talk to U3A Ash Tuesday 17 February 2004

FACC Noise & Track System Demonstration 22nd January

Oak Farm School Visit Monday 2nd February & Monday the 8th March

6.3 On 26 February, Ann Bartaby visited the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee. This committee has been running for 30 years but its meetings are not open to the public. The structure of the Committee and issues of interest were very similar to those considered at the Farnborough Committee.

6.4 A third portable noise monitor was installed on site over the month of February in order to monitor noise levels associated with the use of reverse thrust by aircraft landing at the airport. Analysis of the data collected is ongoing at present, results will be made available at the next meeting.