



FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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FACC Meeting 17th June 2021

FACC Membership and Constitution Review

At the FACC meeting on 18th February it was agreed that a Sub-committee should be formed, under the chairmanship of Cllr James Radley, to consider potential changes to the membership of the committee and its constitution. The Sub-committee has met on two occasions.

The membership of the Sub-committee comprised Geoff Marks, Gareth Saunders, Brian Edmonds, Jenny Radley, Norman Lambert and Les Freer. Philip Riley attended both meetings and Whittacre Hope attended the second meeting, in both cases as observers.

1. Membership of the Committee

It was recognised that, following the changes in the routing of flights from Farnborough following the implementation of the Airspace Change Proposal, some communities were more affected by over-flying than other areas. In particular, Guildford District is more directly affected and Ewshot Parish is closer to the new flightpath albeit that the traffic is operating, in some cases, at increased altitudes. It was also noted that Woking District has also been regarded as an area which is significantly affected by flights approaching from and leaving towards the north-east.

The Sub-committee is therefore recommending that Guildford and Woking Borough Councils and Ewshot Parish Council are each invited to appoint one representative to the FACC.

It has also been recognised that, since the effects of aviation on the environment have become more widely known, an opportunity should be offered to an environmental campaigning group to have a seat on the FACC.

The Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees (April 2014) recommends that Airport Consultative Committees should broadly comprise 3 main interest groups – operators, local authorities and other organisations with an interest in the airport. In the case of Farnborough, these three categories have always been represented on the FACC in equal numbers. If this balance is to be maintained, it is proposed that the Committee should be expanded to 30 members comprising:

- 10 members representing users
- 10 members representing local authorities; and
- 10 members representing local interest groups

If the proposal to invite an organisation representing a local environmental group is accepted by the Committee, it is suggested that applications from relevant groups should be submitted to the Secretary and should include the following information:

- Its full name
- The number of local residents that it represents
- A copy of its constitution
- A statement of the reasons why it believes that it can contribute to the work of the Committee

The selection process should apply the advice set out in the Guidelines

It should be noted that any changes to the membership of the Committee will require the approval of 75% of the members present at the meeting at which the membership changes are proposed.

2. Constitution

The revised constitution has been circulated to members. The main changes from the original constitution adopted in August 2003 are as follows:

- (i) Section 2 – A new purpose has been added to include the scrutiny by the Committee of any governmental and other reports which are relevant to the operation of the airport.
- (ii) Section 3 – A paragraph has been added which requires member organisations to re-confirm their representation annually. This replaces a provision which entitles members to retain a seat on the Committee for two years.
- (iii) Section 3 – A paragraph has been added to provide that an organisation which fails to ensure that its representative attends 3 consecutive meetings may be removed from the membership of the Committee.
- (iv) Section 5 – The section dealing with expert advice has been transferred from section 3.
- (v) Section 6 – Time limits are to be set for questions from members of the public and the overall period for public questions is limited to 15 minutes.
- (vi) Section 12 – A provision has been added to enable meetings to be held electronically. Notices of meetings are to be communicated on the website and in the local press.
- (vii) Section 13 - Changes to the constitution can be approved by 75% of the members present at a meeting of the Committee. The constitution is to be reviewed at five year intervals.

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