

Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee Annual Report 2016

The Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee acts as an interface between the local community and the management of the aerodrome (TAG).

There are generally three meetings each year where representatives can express their concerns about the operations, plans, working times etc, and TAG can report on their progress as a business and explain their flight actions. Every other year they host an International Air Show. The next show will be held on 16-22 July 2018.

Ash Parish Council is represented on the committee by a Parish Councillor.

The meetings are open to the public to attend. Questions may be asked at the meeting by prior arrangement.

There are two reports at the meeting, one by the committee and one by TAG.

This year's meetings were on:

3 March 2016

23 June 2016

10 November 2016

The reports from these meetings can be found at facc.org.uk

A Complaint

An Ash Vale resident expressed concern about the increased traffic around the aerodrome this autumn. Ash Parish Council brought this to the attention of the FACC.

It was found that the principal source of traffic was from Heathrow, flying above the altitude of control of Farnborough.

TAG's response was excellent and their explanations were appreciated by all.

I have copied an email from Holly Reeves MEnvSci PIEMA of TAG to our concerned resident because it shows how TAG operate and explains their restrictions imposed.

Date: 16/11/2016 09:46

Subj: RE: Air Traffic

DearXX,

Your email, received on 06-11-16 at 21:44, is acknowledged and thank you for providing dates and times that you have experienced aircraft.

Due to the volume of aircraft movements submitted, I have been unable to investigate instances where no specific times or large unspecified amounts of time are reported, such as 'significant and loud air traffic throughout the day'; accordingly such instances have not been recorded on our complaints system. I am however able to provide further information where days / times have been reported, please see the attached table for further information along with a summary of movements experienced below.

Of the 86 instances submitted, 79 aircraft were eligible for investigation. Of these:

- were TAG Farnborough Airport movements*
 - 51 were Heathrow movements*
 - 15 could not be identified or the airport of origin / destination could not be determined*

For those movements that couldn't be identified, reasons for this include:

- *Aircraft did not have an active transponder on board. This is required for detection by our tracking software but they are not always present in smaller aircraft. All TAG Farnborough Airport aircraft have transponders so it is reasonable to assume unidentifiable aircraft were not TAG Farnborough Airport movements*
- *Aircraft may have been operating at a height above the area we monitor. Our tracking system filters out high level movements (i.e. over approximately 10,000 feet above ground) as TAG aircraft (i.e. the movements we are required to track) will not be operating at these heights in proximity to the Airport*
- *The date and time may have been incorrectly reported*

Of the TAG Farnborough Airport movements identified, the reasons for them passing over / near to your residential area were:

- *8 x flights which operated in compliance with Noise Abatement Procedures (described in last email correspondence) or operating in compliance with Noise Abatement procedures before manoeuvring, under instruction from Air Traffic Control, in a way which passed over or near to Ash Vale*
- *1 x helicopter arrival*
- *2 x cancellations of Noise Abatement Procedures (described in last email correspondence)*
- *1 x unauthorised deviation from Noise Abatement Procedures which currently under investigation with flight operator*
- *All, except for the unauthorised deviation, were operating in compliance with the relevant local planning, TAG and or CAA requirements*

From this analysis it would appear that Heathrow operations are forming the majority of flights that you are finding intrusive at your location.

I hope this information is useful to you. Should you have further aircraft which you would like further information on please do not hesitate to contact us again. Please note that details of your complaint (where days / times have been provided) will be recorded on a complaints database, reported to and published by Rushmoor Borough Council and the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee. If you do not want your personal details reported or published, please confirm this by way of email reply.

Kind regards,

Holly Reeves MEnvSci PIEMA Environment Management Assistant-TAG Farnborough Airport

Next year's meetings will be on:

9 March 2017

6 July 2017

9 November 2017

I will report on these in more detail next year.

Cllr William Cole,
Ash Parish Council