

Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee Annual Report 2017

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 Air 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: 9 March 2017, 6 July 2017 and 9 November 2017.

Complaints:

There were no complaints from our area in 2017. Fortunately the Farnborough Airfield is at a tangent to Ash so this area usually gets no flights from there but we can often see high planes approaching Heathrow. Helicopters are not restricted so we often hear them approaching along the A331.

Tag Report:

1. Airspace Change Proposals

On 3 July 2015, TAG Farnborough Airport submitted a formal Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for evaluation. The ACP comprises an extensive series of documents as outlined in CAA document CAP725 (Airspace Change Process), including analysis of design data, charts, maps and diagrams as well as a consultation report. In accordance with CAA guidance, a decision is usually expected within 16 weeks. On 30 October 2015, the CAA advised TAG Farnborough Airport of its intention to pause the decision process to review certain technical, implementation aspects and airspace sharing arrangements. This is not unusual, particularly with such a complex application, and TAG Farnborough Airport will advise when the process has resumed.

On 9 November 2017 TAG reported that the Aerospace Change Proposal is still with the CAA and they did not know when the decision will be announced.

2. The fixed Noise Monitoring Terminals continue to operate from their locations on the approaches to runway 06 and 24.

3. the Air Quality Monitoring devices (Learian Streetboxes) remain in operation at their agreed locations at Kempton Court and Farnborough College. Results from these units show NO₂ levels within the Air Quality Regulations.

4. the total movements for 2017 was 28328 aircraft with 7562 at weekends.

Committee Report:

During July 2017 in Rushmoor Borough Council Local Plan, various restrictions and conditions were placed on TAG in the operation of Farnborough airfield. These included:

4.2

Continuation as a business aviation operation

No bulk freight services

No scheduled passenger services

No inclusive tour charter flying

No increase in recreational flying above that allowed by the lawful use

No transition to a full range of flying facilities

4.3

Permit civil aviation movements between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00 on weekdays and 08:00 and 20:00 at weekends and bank holidays

Aircraft maintenance and servicing activity at the Airport with the potential to generate noise will not be permitted between the hours of 22:00 and 07:00 on weekdays and 20:00 and 08:00 at weekends and bank holidays

Meetings:

Next year's meetings will be on: 2 February 2018, 28 June 2018 and 8 November 2018.

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