

Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2014-2015

Ash Parish Council is a member (with voting rights) of Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC).

Over the past year three Committee meetings have been held. These meetings were all at the Park Centre, BAE in Farnborough. The Parish was represented at two of the Committee meetings by my attendance.

At most Committee meetings Brandon O'Reilly (CEO – TAG) attended in person and representation from Senior Managers at TAG always attend. TAG provide information reports at every meeting covering movements since the previous meeting, complaints by postcode and complaints summary allowing discussion between members. Infringements are also reviewed at each meeting.

TAG's Air Traffic Movements

As covered in previous reports TAG was granted planning permission to increase its annual air traffic movements to 50,000 including 8,900 at weekend and bank holidays in a phased approach. Below is a table showing how this will be achieved.

Year	Total	Weekend
2010	28,000	5,000
2011	31,000	5,500
2012	37,000	6,600
2013	41,000	7,300
2014	43,000	7,600
2015	45,000	8,000
2016	47,000	8,250
2017	48,000	8,500
2018	49,000	8,750
2019	50,000	8,900

Actual movements in 2014:

We await actual figures for 2014.

Actual movements are pretty static although there is an increase in weekend movements. Total movements are likely to be significantly lower than the permitted total for 2014 of 43,000.

A more detailed breakdown of Total Movements can be viewed within the TAG Environment Reports to Rushmoor BC, available at <http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3287/Airport-monitoring>

Complaints to TAG

All complaints received by TAG are recorded and investigated. To improve the ease with which members of the public can submit complaints or reports of airport activities that are of concern, a dedicated email address has been set up to operate in conjunction with the dedicated complaint line (01252 526001). The email address is complaints@tagfarnborough.com. Complaints

received via this email address will be recorded and reported in the same way as with the telephone line, however it will allow for quicker responses to be submitted by return email.

Over the past year there have been very few complaints raised from our Parish area.

Public Safety Zone (PSZ)

This continues to be subject to regular discussion at FACC meetings. We had a presentation from DfT at the 6th March 2014 meeting that prompted more debate on the algorithms and maths behind the safety zones.

Airspace Change Proposal

TAG Farnborough Airport is undertaking an Airspace Change Proposal (ACP), a formal UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) process, in order to introduce a new airspace design in the vicinity of the airport. The purpose of TAG Farnborough Airport's ACP is to create a new operating environment with elements of controlled airspace, which would offer all airspace users predictability and consistency of operation.

Overall, this could further reduce noise and CO2 emissions, improving the environment in and around the airport. It is also set to improve efficiency and enhance safety.

Consultation ran from 3rd February 2014 until 2nd May 2014. Committee receives updates on the process at each meeting.

Meeting Dates for 2015

Meetings will be held quarterly during 2015.

Information

For more information go to the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee's website www.facc.org.uk and TAG's website www.tagaviation.com.

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