

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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1. Introduction

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. A Parish Councillor represents Ash on the Committee. 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: 22 Feb, 28 June, and 8 Nov 2018. This report includes three special events; Chairman press release, Gulfstream Report, 2018 Airshow.

2. TAG Farnborough Airport Statement

Brandon O, Reilly, TAG Farnborough Airport CEO issued a Press Release to the News & Mail (23.01.2019). He stated that 2018 was the busiest year ever, recording over 30,000 air traffic movements (ATMs). This exceeded the previous best (28,0000 in 2007. This made it Europe's leading business airport. It has permission to go up to 50,000 ATMs per annum. The increase was attributed to increased traffic from the USA, and the dedication of the staff.

In specialising in small business aircraft it frees up space for large commercial flights at the big commercial London Airports.

3. Gulfstream Aerospace Statement (8.11.2018)

Gulfstream UK is expanding at Farnborough Airport.

Total headcount in UK is over 285 technical and support staff.

There is a strong contingent of Flight Safety, internationally trained B1(mechanical) and B2 (Avionics) engineers, experienced in servicing Gulfstream aircraft.

Gulfstream has been based at Luton Airport but this site has become increasingly busy in recent years, along with the airport, which has been increasingly congested with low-fare carrier traffic. Anticipated growth of the Gulfstream Fleet has driven the need for continued growth and additional capacity

Farnborough is a London gateway airport dedicated exclusively to business aviation. Frequented by many of our operators, it offers amenities that complement our brand, with the space required for our current construction plans and future growth.

Farnborough is the birthplace of British aviation-the UK's first airfield in aviation history, and home to the country's first powered flight in 1908. From the earliest days, Farnborough has been a centre of military and civil aviation research.

At Gulfstream Farnborough the new Farnborough hangar will primarily be used for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of Gulfstream aircraft. The works inside the hangar will include scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

Gulfstream's operation would bring around 500 further jobs to the airport. It is expected that the majority of staff would be hired from the local area, with Gulfstream seeking to engage with the Rushmoor Employment Skills Zone, ('RESZ') regarding the employment of local people.

Gulfstream have liaised with HCC and have meetings set up with two local colleges: Farnborough College of Technology ('FCOT') and Fareham College.

It is anticipated that Gulfstream would collaborate with the colleges, enrolling technical apprentices between the colleges, to train up aviation technicians for the future., supporting local aviation businesses – e.g. NDT, interior refurb, machining, heat treatment, paint, cleaning, local supply chain and many more.

Construction is to commence April 2019 with completion scheduled for June 2020.

4. International Airshow (16- 22 July2018)

Over \$192 billion deals
Over 1400 commercial aircraft ordered
Over 1400 engines ordered
1500 exhibitors
112 countries trade reps.
10 airline CEO's attended
Largest ever presence from China.
29 country pavilions
80,000 visitors - 10% up on previous years.
The next International Airshow is on 20 – 26 July 2020

5. Smuggling Incident at Farnborough Airport

Four men were convicted (23 Aug 2018) of smuggling half a tonne of cocaine with a street value of more than £41m into the UK on a private jet at Farnborough Airport (30th January 2018) on a plane returning from Colombia.

6 FACC meetings

6.1 Tag Reports

On 22 Feb 2018 TAG issued statistics on movements, noise air quality, runway use direction, environmental improvements, security and guided visits. There were no extraordinary events. Infringement level was 0.16%.

On 28 June 2018 TAG issued statistics on movements, noise air quality, runway use direction, environmental improvements, security and guided visits. There were no extraordinary events. Infringement level was 0.2%. 2018 is the first full year in which electricity will be supplied from 100% renewable source under the Renewable Energy Guarantee.

In November 2018 TAG issued statistics on movements, noise air quality, runway use direction, environmental improvements, security and guided visits. There were no extraordinary events. Infringement level was 0.17%. Certification to the new standard ISO14001 and EMS performance was achieved.

6.2 Complaints

At each meeting TAG plots and tables complaints about aircraft.

Complaints from our area in 2018 were passed to me at Ash Parish Council. I spoke to TAG and they investigated them and, replying promptly, found that the flights referred to were approaching Heathrow.

Fortunately the Farnborough Airfield is at a tangent to Ash so we get few flights. Helicopters are not restricted so we often hear them observing along the A331 and during show days passing between Chobham Airfield and the show.

6.3 Agendas and Minutes (22 Feb, 28 Jun, 8 Nov 2018)

These can be read fully by going to: facc.org.uk

The public are able to attend and ask questions, by prior arrangement.

6.4 Future Meetings

FACC meetings will be on 21 February, 27 June and 7 November 2019.

All meetings will take place at Rushmoor BC at 14:00 hrs.

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Ash Parish Council