

# FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

### 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.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic there has been fewer meetings as the first was cancelled as a virtual meeting solution was not in place.

### 2. MEETING HELD ON 29th October 2020

Air Traffic Movements fell by 87% as the UK lockdown took effect, activity is gradually recovering but are significantly down on previous years. As of September 2020 ATMs were down 40% compared to 2019

The level of flight movements has decreased, but complaints have increased. 88% of all complaints received during this reporting period originate from one source in Hindhead, the individual has been invited to the Airport to discuss the issues.

Woking Borough Council had requested a seat on the Committee, however The Chairman indicated that he felt the Committee was well-balanced with 8 Members from the Operator Community as a line has to be drawn somewhere.

The Chairman advised that he and the Secretary had received a number of aggressive emails arguing that not allowing the public to attend the meeting was unconstitutional. As this meeting was the first held virtually it was limited to the elected representatives of the public as the meeting capacity is not without limits. The chairman reiterated his own desire that the FACC meetings remain open to the public, this has always been the case and will be so again, at the next meeting in 2021.

The Airport sells fuels to aircraft and was asked I discuss the CO2 commissioned caused by the sale. The summary response is that this is a question for the aircraft owners and selling fuel is a fundamental part to the business operations of running an airport.

### 3. Response to Questions raised by Extinction Rebellion

The group naming themselves as “Extinction Rebellion” staged a protest outside the main entrance to the airport in 2020. A number of questions were presented to FACC, the answers to which were shared to all committee members. The questions centered around establishing the environmental impact of the airports operations and its commitments to reducing CO2 emissions.

Councillor John Tonks

Ash Parish Council