

REDHILL AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held at Redhill Aerodrome on Wednesday the 14th January 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

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| Mr. Terry Pollard | - Chairman |
| Ms. Ann Bartaby | - Redhill Aerodrome Ltd |
| Councillor Jim Blackmore | - Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council |
| Mr. Don Butler | - Private Operator |
| Councillor David Cullen | - Nutfield Parish Council |
| Councillor Ian Frow | - Outwood Parish Council |
| Councillor Mrs. Pat Glenn | - Bletchingley Parish Council |
| Mr. Chris Hoskins | - Nutfield Conservation Society |
| Mr. Paul Murray | - KRAG |
| Mrs. Felicity Gresser | - Godstone Preservation Society |
| Councillor Paul Potter | - Mole Valley District Council |
| Sgt. Paul Sochon | - National Police Air Service |
| Mr. David Thorn | - Redhill Aviation |
| Councillor Helena Windsor | - Surrey County Council |
| Mr. Philip Wright | - Redhill Aerodrome Limited |
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Porter

Tandridge District Council (Secretary to the Committee)

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillor David Cullen who had replaced David Chapman from Nutfield Parish Council. He also explained that Jan Cook had regrettably resigned from Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council and Councillor Jim Blackmore would be her replacement. The Chairman thanked them both for their contribution over the years and wished them well for the future.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2014 were agreed.

3. MONITORING REPORTS FROM REDHILL AERODROME

Reports for the period September 2014 to December 2014 were submitted regarding:

- (i) aircraft movements

- (ii) movements outside Air Traffic Control (ATC) hours
- (iii) complaints (8) about fixed wing aircraft overflying properties
- (iv) complaints (12) about helicopters overflying properties

*** These reports are reproduced at Appendix 'A' (page 4).

Philip Wright explained that the issue of pilots overflying Hen Haw Farm would be raised at the next User's meeting in April.

A report listing the movements outside Air Traffic Control (ATC) hours had been circulated with the Agenda. A request was made for an additional report to show the movements made by the police helicopter during normal hours. Mr. Wright explained that the statistics that the Aerodrome produced were categorised by the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority), to produce detailed movements of individual operators would cause extra work and resources were not available to carry out this request.

Mr. Butler reiterated that the Emergency Services would not fly unless there was a good reason to do so.

4. FUTURE PLANS FOLLOWING THE OUTCOME OF THE HIGH COURT PLANNING APPEAL

Ann Bartaby summarised the process of the Planning Appeal. She explained that the Aerodrome believed the Planning Inspectorate's decision to be flawed and had therefore sought a judicial review by the High Court. The High Court, on the 18th July, had ruled in the Aerodrome's favour. In response to this, the Secretary of State for the Communities and Local Government and both Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge Councils had been granted the right to appeal to the Court of Appeal. A hearing took place in October 2014 and the Judge upheld the Planning Inspectorate's decision, therefore there would be no hard runway.

Ann explained that the Aerodrome would continue with 'Plan B' in which they would try to increase the level of activity at the site. The plans discussed were focused on:

- The sale of residential property on the site
- The use of permitted development rights to improve the site, such as improved parking areas, roadways and taxiways, along with the addition of approximately eight concrete pads on the grassed area to prevent light aircraft sinking.
- Replacing runway lighting as it was deemed inadequate, obsolete and over 30 years old.
- Install Global Navigation satellite system (GNSS). It was explained that the CAA were keen to see smaller airports using this new equipment.
- Increasing the use of the landside by holding events such as weddings, antique shows, garden parties, air shows and other community events.
- Secure additional tenants and encourage commercial use, in particular support the use of the 'Pilots Hub' for corporate business meetings.

In light of these improvements Ann suggested that future Consultative Committee Meetings be held in Hangar 9 at the 'Pilots Hub'.

5. REVIEW OF RACC MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT DETAILS

It was proposed that Arena Aviation be invited to attend future meetings, Philip Wright explained that they were the largest tenant on the Aerodrome site. The Constitution provided for six Aerodrome Users, nominated by the Aerodrome Users Committee, therefore it was agreed that Philip would provide Julie Porter with the list of six Aerodrome users and the Membership list would be updated.

6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings (all commencing at 10.00am) were scheduled as follows:

Ordinary meetings

Wednesday 15th April 2015

Wednesday 9th September 2015

Annual Meeting

Saturday 6th June 2015 – Nutfield Village Hall

Rising: 10.30 a.m.

APPENDIX 'A'

Aircraft Movements

| | Jan-Dec 2012 | Jan-Dec 2013 | Jan-Dec 2014 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fixed-wing | | | |
| Movements | 9202 | 10946 | 11740 |
| Touch & Go | 7394 | 9868 | 10946 |
| Total | 16596 | 20814 | 22650 |
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| Helicopter | | | |
| Movements | 12992 | 15006 | 13429 |
| Airfield Detail | 10322 | 8482 | 5992 |
| Total | 23314 | 23488 | 19421 |
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| Grand Total | 39910 | 44302 | 42071 |

| CAA Stats Jan-Dec 2014 | Arrivals | Departures |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aero Club | 11900 | 11903 |
| Biz Av (Dom) | 143 | 142 |
| Biz Av (Int) | 0 | 0 |
| GA (Dom) | 920 | 915 |
| GA (Int) | 20 | 19 |
| LCF | 1157 | 1158 |
| Mil/HLE/UKP | 2620 | 2621 |
| Air Test | 322 | 325 |
| Private | 3166 | 3167 |
| Training/Test | 787 | 786 |
| Grand Total | 21035 | 21036 |

Note: **Private** – Private Flights, **Official** – Government Flights, **Air Test** – Maintenance Flights, **Mil/EMS/UKP** – Military, Police and Air Ambulance, **LCF** - Local Commercial Flight, **Aero Club** – Flying Clubs, **Training/Test** – training and test flights for commercial licences, **GA(Dom)** – General Aviation Domestic, **Biz Av(Dom)** – Business Aviation Domestic, **GA(Int)** – General Aviation International and **Biz Av-(Int)** – Business Aviation International.

Sep - Weather: there were 6 days when weather (fog or thunderstorms) reduced flying activity. **Runways:** the grass runways were serviceable during this period. The unlicensed paved Runway 07/25 was not used.

Oct - Weather: there were 8 days when weather (strong winds, fog, rain or thunderstorms) reduced flying activity. **Runways:** the grass runways were serviceable during this period. The unlicensed paved Runway 07/25 was not used.

Nov - Weather: there were 10 days when weather (strong winds, fog, rain or thunderstorms) reduced flying activity. **Runways:** the grass runways were unserviceable throughout this period. The unlicensed paved Runway 07/25 in use for 27 days with 395 movements taking place.

Dec - Weather: there were 29 days when weather (strong winds or thunderstorms) reduced flying activity. **Runways:** the grass runways were serviceable throughout this period. The unlicensed paved Runway 07/25 in use for 29 days with 456 movements taking place.

Movements Outside ATC Hours

| | Commercial | NPAS | HEMS | Total |
|-----|------------|------|------|-------|
| Sep | 20 | 90 | 64 | 174 |
| Oct | 25 | 69 | 62 | 148 |
| Nov | 8 | 79 | 46 | 133 |
| Dec | 16 | 54 | 58 | 128 |

A list of all the movements outside ATC hours will be produced and attached to the Minutes.

Flying Complaints

| 2014 | Total Movements | Total Complaints | No. of Complainants | 2013 | Total Movements | Total Complaints | No. of Complainants |
|------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Sep | 5118 | 7 | 5 | Sep | 4100 | 8 | 6 |
| Oct | 3858 | 7 | 4 | Oct | 2698 | 6 | 3 |
| Nov | 1685 | 4 | 3 | Nov | 2442 | 2 | 2 |
| Dec | 1425 | 2 | 1 | Dec | 1775 | 3 | 2 |

Complaints relating to fixed-wing aircraft

| 2014 | Fixed-wing Movements | Complaints | No. of Complainants | 2013 | Fixed-wing Movements | Complaints | No. of Complainants |
|------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Sep | 3158 | 5 | 3 | Sep | 2283 | 6 | 5 |
| Oct | 2180 | 3 | 3 | Oct | 1168 | 1 | 1 |
| Nov | 524 | 0 | 0 | Nov | 1161 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec | 548 | 0 | 0 | Dec | 843 | 1 | 1 |

| Ref | Details of Complaint | Runway & Movement Info | Action |
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| FW26/14 | <i>Complainant:</i> Mr A <i>Location:</i> Trindles Road, South Nutfield <i>Complaint:</i> 5 Sept. Continuous activity with aircraft taking-off and landing. | <i>Runway:</i> 36 <i>FW Movements:</i> 204 <i>Total Movements:</i> 305 | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. This Friday was one of our busier days with 168 touch and go movements. No further action. |
| FW27/14 | <i>Complainant:</i> Mrs L <i>Location:</i> Copsleigh Avenue, Salfords <i>Complaint:</i> 7 Sept. Continuous activity with aircraft taking-off and landing. | <i>Runway:</i> 26L <i>FW Movements:</i> 190 <i>Total Movements:</i> 253 | The complainant resides within the ATZ adjacent to the climb out from Runway 26L. Aircraft are taking off and landing in accordance with normal aviation practice. The fixed-wing circuit was busy 112 touch and go movements. No further action. |

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| FW28/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr O Location: Hen Haw Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 10 Sept. Fixed-wing aircraft overflying property.</i> | <i>Runway: 08R FW Movements: 96 Total Movements: 175</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ close to the climb out of Runway 08. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. Flying Training Organisations will be reminded at the next Users' Meeting. No further action. |
| FW29/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr O Location: Hen Haw Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 12 Sept. Fixed-wing aircraft overflying property.</i> | <i>Runway: 08R FW Movements: 155 Total Movements: 213</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ close to the climb out of Runway 08. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. Flying Training Organisations will be reminded at the next Users' Meeting. No further action. |
| FW30/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr O Location: Hen Haw Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 18 Sept. 4 calls fixed-wing aircraft overflying property.</i> | <i>Runway: 08R FW Movements: 60 Total Movements: 125</i> | These complaints relate to the same private aircraft carrying out circuits. The complainant resides within the ATZ close to the climb out of Runway 08. The pilot was spoken with after landing. No further action. |
| FW31/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs A Location: South Hale Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 18 Oct 1250hrs. Fixed-wing aircraft overflying property.</i> | <i>Runway: 18 FW Movements: 95 Total Movements: 146</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern for Rwy18. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. Three aircraft departed around the time of the complaint and without registration or description it has not been possible to identify the aircraft responsible for this complaint. No further action. |
| FW32/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs F Location: Yeoman Way, Whitebushes Complaint: 25 Oct 1300hrs. Fixed-wing aircraft overflew Whitebushes.</i> | <i>Runway: 26R FW Movements: 194 Total Movements: 281</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ close to the climb out of Runway 26R. Two aircraft departed around the time of the complaint; one based and the other a visitor. It is mostly likely that the aircraft responsible for this complaint was a departing Yak11 en-route to White Waltham. Aircraft are not prohibited from overflying flying Whitebushes when taking off or landing should a pilot deems it necessary. No further action. |
| FW33/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr O Location: Hen Haw Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 30 Oct 1615hrs. Fixed-wing aircraft overflying property.</i> | <i>Runway: 18 FW Movements: 62 Total Movements: 102</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern for Rwy18. The normal downwind leg is flown well to east of the complainant's location. The pilot was spoken with after landing and re-briefed. No further action. |

Complaints relating to helicopters

| 2014 | Helicopter Movements | Complaints | No. of Complainants | 2013 | Helicopter Movements | Complaints | No. of Complainants |
|------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Sep | 1960 | 2 | 2 | Sep | 1817 | 2 | 2 |
| Oct | 1678 | 4 | 2 | Oct | 1530 | 5 | 3 |
| Nov | 1161 | 4 | 3 | Nov | 1457 | 2 | 2 |
| Dec | 877 | 2 | 1 | Dec | 932 | 2 | 1 |

| Ref | Details of Complaint | Runway & Movement Info | Action |
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| H32/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs A Location: South Hale Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 07 Sept 1757hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H26 Heli Movements: 63 Total Movements: 253</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. The helicopter involved was the Air Ambulance responding to a job in Eastbourne. No further action. |
| H33/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs B Location: West Mead Drive, Salfords Complaint: 20 Sept 1356hrs Helicopters overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H36 and H08 Heli Movements: 81 Total Movements: 179</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ close to the arrival and departure routes as well as the circuit pattern for H36. Helicopters were taking off and landing in accordance with normal aviation practice. No further action. |
| H34/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs A Location: South Hale Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 01 Oct 1732hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H26 Heli Movements: 48 Total Movements: 96</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. The helicopter involved was the Air Ambulance departing to the SE. No further action. |
| H35/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs A Location: South Hale Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 11 Oct 1520hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H26 Heli Movements: 112 Total Movements: 232</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. The helicopter involved was the NPAS helicopter departing to the SE. No further action. |
| H36/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr R Location: Southern Avenue, Salfords. Complaint: 18 Oct 1000hrs. Helicopters flying west of London-Brighton railway line.</i> | <i>Helistrip: N/A Heli Movements: N/A Total Movements: N/A</i> | These complaints allege that helicopters are routinely flying west of the London/Brighton Railway Line. The houses in Southern Avenue are between 14m and 70m from the railway line. Helicopters flying over this area are within the circuit area and are complying with normal aviation practice. Properties in this area will be subjected to helicopter noise when the circuit is active. This complainant has requested that his complaints are logged and does not require further contact from the Aerodrome. |
| H37/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs A Location: South Hale Farm, South Nutfield</i> | <i>Helistrip: H26 Heli Movements: 60 Total Movements: 169</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. The helicopter involved was the NPAS helicopter departing to the SE. No further action. |

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| | <i>Complaint: 26 Oct 1230hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | | |
| H38/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr H Location: Reigate Complaint: 5 Nov 1240hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H36 Heli Movements: 53 Total Movements: 69</i> | This complaint relates to an A350 helicopter operating London sight-seeing flights. Details passed to BIH for a response. |
| H39/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr H Location: Reigate Complaint: 6 Nov 1256hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H08 Heli Movements: 57 Total Movements: 67</i> | This complaint relates to an A350 helicopter operating London sight-seeing flights. Details passed to BIH for a response. |
| H40/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr G Location: Kingsley Manor, Salford Complaint: 16 Nov 1255hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H08 Heli Movements: 35 Total Movements: 81</i> | This complaint relates to a visiting Danish registered helicopter flying low inbound to the Aerodrome. No further action. |
| H41/14 | <i>Complainant: Mrs A Location: South Hale Farm, South Nutfield Complaint: 16 Nov 1534hrs Helicopter overflying house.</i> | <i>Helistrip: H08 Heli Movements: 35 Total Movements: 81</i> | The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. The helicopter involved was the Air Ambulance responding to a job in Lewes. No further action. |
| H42/14 and H43/14 | <i>Complainant: Mr R Location: Southern Avenue, Salfords. Complaint: 05 Nov 1023hrs and 1028hrs. Helicopters flying west of London-Brighton railway line.</i> | <i>Helistrip: N/A Heli Movements: N/A Total Movements: N/A</i> | These complaints allege that helicopters are routinely flying west of the London/Brighton Railway Line. The houses in Southern Avenue are between 14m and 70m from the railway line. Helicopters flying over this area are within the circuit area and are complying with normal aviation practice. Properties in this area will be subjected to helicopter noise when the circuit is active. This complainant has requested that his complaints are logged and does not require further contact from the Aerodrome. |

Incidents/Accidents

Nil.

Philip WRIGHT
Aerodrome Manager/SATCO

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