



Local Government for Langton Green, Speldhurst, Ashurst and Old Groombridge

**Minutes of the Air Traffic Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10am via zoom video conference**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mrs Soyke, Mrs Podbury, Rowe with Mr Howden

**OFFICER PRESENT:** No Officer was present

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** There were no members of the public present

1. **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson was re-elected as Chairman
2. **To enquire if anyone present intends to record the meeting:** No-one present intended to record the meeting.
3. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** Mr Robinson – previous appointment
4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests:** There were none.
5. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
6. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
7. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
8. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** There was none
9. **Government consultation on night flights:** It was agreed that all members would review the draft responses circulated by the Chairman and respond to him with any comments for consolidation. A meeting to finalise the response was agreed for 11.00am on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman will send an e-mail to Mr Robinson with the draft responses, request for comments and advice of the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Soyke will contact HW AONB to see what if any response they are making to the consultation.

- 10. TWBC:** It was agreed that to not try to encourage TWBC to participate in NMB NCF given the degree of disenchantment with the current NMB (greater than with the previous NMB)
- 11. CAGNE:** There is concern that CAGNE is seeking to present itself as the representative of all Aircraft Noise groups and affected communities. It was agreed that where appropriate SPC would communicate with parishioners that CAGNE's objectives are at odds with the Council's. If their objectives for communities West of Gatwick are implemented East of Gatwick it will result in more aircraft overhead and more aircraft noise for our communities. It was agreed to watch CAGNE's efforts closely and engage locally where appropriate. The Chairman will contact Martin Barraud to understand what if anything GON is doing in this respect.
- 12. HWCAAG:** HWCAAG is still in existence but has been inactive for about a year given the COVID situation. SPC is still a member.
- 13. Items for Information:** Mr Howden, with James Lloyd will shortly be meeting with the Chairs of NMB NEX and NCF and will report back anything of significance from that meeting. Cllr Mrs Podbury asked if the draft response document could be shared with Rusthall PC who are discussing the consultation in the Full Council meeting shortly. Cllr Mrs Soyke asked if it could also be shared with Bidborough. It was agreed that the document could be shared to both. The Chairman will also send the consultation link to Cllr Mrs Soyke.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.40am

Chairman