



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

Minutes of the Air Traffic Committee Meeting held in The Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground on Monday 13th February 2017 at 11.00am

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

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

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting:** No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** None were received
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
5. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **28th December 2016**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Public Open Session:** No members were present
7. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** There was none
8. **A brief review of 31st January Noise Management Board Meeting:** There was general agreement that the meeting had made some headway and Mr Howden was reasonably confident that the new GAL members would maintain progress.
9. **Consideration of DfT Night Flight Consultation:** There was general criticism of the document which was littered with inaccuracies, an example was the stated number of people affected (4,300) was well below a reasonable figure. It was agreed that it was unacceptable that unmodified aircraft are allowed to fly at night. Cllr Barrington-Johnson had circulated a draft response and there were a number of additional suggestions including a reference to air pollution to be included. Cllr Barrington-Johnson said he would respond to the consultation on-

line with the amendments included and would circulate a hard copy. Cllr Mrs Soyke thanked him for his efforts.

10. To consider other DfT Consultations: It was suggested that there will be a number of consultations this year, for example a Noise Consultation. Mr Howden produced a copy of DfT's UK Airspace Policy which had not been seen by the committee or HWCAAG. Cllr Barrington-Johnson will advise HWCAAG accordingly.

11. Items for information: Mr Robinson asked if KCC would be responding to the consultation.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11.48am

Chairman