



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 Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 11.00am

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There was one member 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
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 9th **February 2016**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Public Open Session:** Mr James McInroy, the prospective candidate for KCC TW West attended the meeting to introduce himself and find out more about the current issues.
7. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** There had been a response to the Chairman's letter to the Prime Minister from her office and the Department of Transport. Most of the committee members had written and received replies about various issues.
8. **To consider whether to change the status of the Committee to a Working Group:** It was agreed to keep the committee status and to ask another councillor to join the committee. The matter of a new chairman next year was also discussed.
9. **Terms of Reference:** It was agreed to recommend no change to the TOR to Full Council.

- 10. To review the response from Gatwick to the Independent Review Recommendations:** It was agreed that the response from GAL to the recommendations had been positive but they had been largely superficial with no real change noted as yet. It was agreed that a letter should be sent stating our disappointment. Ideally this should be sent from all member Parish Councils and the High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group (HWCAAG) and we will seek this but if not agreed it will be sent by SPC. Copies should be sent to local MPs including Tom Tugendhat and Chris Grayling, Andy Sinclair of GAL, DoT, etc
Mr Howden said using the Noise Management Board (NMB) as a conduit for complaints should be considered. He also recommended a publication by James Lee entitled "Understanding the Swathe". He would send a copy for circulation.
- 11. New runway capacity:** The committee agreed that it was relieved that Gatwick had not been chosen but considered that Heathrow was not the right long-term solution either.
- 12. Noise Monitor:** It was agreed to recommend expenditure of hiring a noise monitor for a brief period (one week) next summer.
- 13. Items for information:** Mr Howden said that a Night Flight Trial (PBN based) should be considered.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11.55am

Chairman