

Draft Minutes

Forum Meeting Wednesday 11th May at 7pm – close 8.05pm

Via zoom

- Attendance – Rusper, Warnham, Slinfold, Salfords and Sidlow, Nuthurst PC
- Apologies – Turners Hill, Worth, Ebernoe, West Hoathly, Lingfield, Newdigate, Jane Vogt
- Noise Management Board and correspondence from noise group
Cllr Jim Blackmore has stepped down from the Forum and his place on the Forum is to be taken by Karen Dukes or Wayne Clark.

The councillors offered thanks to Jim for his support and work on the NMB in his role of number 2 on the NCF for the Forum.

Cllr C Leyland explained the meeting with the chairs of the NEX and NCF raising concern about how town and parish councils are not being consulted. A follow-up letter was issued – [here](#) .

It was felt it was wrong that town and parish councils do not have a seat on the NEX and that both community seats are held by GACC noise groups who are pushing their own agendas with no minutes of meetings or membership of these groups.

It was agreed that the NEX imbalance was unsatisfactory. It was detailed that the chairs have agreed to address this next year with the NMB review. It was felt there was a lack of transparency in who Gatwick were consulting and such no fair or balanced voice was being accredited.

It was agreed that it is important that the Forum remains on the NMB to ensure all council members have access to documents that they would not otherwise have access to.

Vacancy – Councillors are invited to offer to take on the role of second to Cllr C Leyland on the NCF. Karen Dukes offered to take the role at the meeting. It was felt that this vacancy should be offered out to all members due to the lack of attendance at the meeting due to a clash of dates.

Cllr S Pavey explained that the role is one of attending meetings and reporting back to the Forum. No member on the NCF can put forward individual decisions on specific airspace but has to take an overall approach as the Forum is not a decision-making body, as such has no agreed policies.

Forum's role on the NMB – Warnham PC provided a copy of the letter sent by the CEO of Gatwick Airport that suggested that as the council was a member of the Forum, they had been consulted via the NMB. It was agreed that this was incorrect and that councils do not relinquish their statutory rights to be consulted directly by Gatwick Airport from being a member of the Forum. It was agreed that [this letter](#) and [minutes](#) be sent to Mr Wingate.

- ILS join Noise abatement procedure study and FED study – it was reported that concern is that these two studies are to form part of the FASIS work. The studies seeking to move noise, brought by the GACC noise groups that hold the monopoly on the NMB and all forums at Gatwick.
- Gatwick Airport DCO – It was reported that Gatwick are pushing ahead with rebuilding the emergency runway as a second runway.

Noise envelopes consultation is part of the pre-application for the DCO.

The Terms of Reference for the noise envelopes [here](#) was only received on the 10th May and comments have to be in by 13th May. Please see [this letter](#) sent to Gatwick as discussed at the meeting.

Great concern was expressed that Gatwick is seeking to fly over new communities and noise envelopes are large areas of land that planes will be permitted to fly within as seen with the Heathrow consultations for noise envelopes for the 3rd runway.

Concern was expressed again that town and parish councils are not being consulted, Gatwick favouring unquantified noise groups.

It was asked if there could be an agreed stance of all councils under the Forum. It was agreed that this would be difficult as ‘one size does not fit all’ and that the Forum was not a decision-making body.

It was agreed that councils should request a presentation from Gatwick Airport

- Funding of the Forum – this was discussed as the Forum was created by councillors. Out of the membership 10 councils have paid £4 but this does not cover the cost of the website and zoom meetings. CAGNE is happy to continue to subsidise the Forum, but it must be noted that CAGNE is funded by donations from residents. It was felt that the Forum should continue, especially as it now has access to NMB documents, and that £4 should be increased next year.

Bolney PC have not renewed membership as they do not believe they are affected by Gatwick’s operations

- ANEG update – Cllr S Pavey reported on a few workshops held by the Department for Transport concerning noise, air quality, impact of aircraft noise and mental health, and value of aircraft noise compared to economic benefits. It was explained that TAG now has a value for the environment.

ICCAN is being replaced by the CAA new body -

<https://www.caa.co.uk/consumers/environment/noise/caa-noise-advisory-functions/>

- It was agreed the next meeting should be a Wednesday in September and we should invite speaker Hilary Notley of DEFRA
- AOB - CAGNE are holding virtual educational events on Wednesday 15th, 22nd June, and 6th July on understanding the airspace above your home covering Kent, Sussex, and Surrey. These are to help all communities to understand airspace before Gatwick go to the public consultation of FASIS. These can be booked via www.cagne.org or the CAGNE Eventbrite account [here](#).

No other members had any news or comments.

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