

MINUTES OF THE SOLENT AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 30 April 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room – Fareham Borough Council

Committee Members Present:

Fareham Borough Council

Councillor Seán Woodward

Councillor Jacquie Needham

Councillor Stephen Dugan

Hampshire County Council

Councillor Pal Hayre

Aerodrome

David Pinhorne - Daedalus Aviation and Heritage Group

Frank Thompson – Phoenix Aviation

Paul Coppin – Lee-On-Solent Microlight Club

Community

Brian Mansbridge – Lee-On-The-Solent Residents Association

Ken Mackenzie – Hill Head Residents Association

Rose Christopherson – Ranvilles Residents Community Group

Also in Attendance:

Regional and City Airports (RCA)

Martyn Francis, Airport Manager

Marshall Barrand, Projects Director

Fareham Borough Council

Richard Guyver, Daedalus Programme Lead (Airside)

Richard Jolley, Director of Planning and Regeneration

Councillor Roger Bird (observing)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors S Martin and Miss T Harper from Fareham Borough Council, Councillor A Durrant from Gosport Borough Council, Ellie O'Toole from the Innovation Centre.

The Chairman addressed the Committee to comment on the concerns that have been raised by the Ranvilles Residents Community Group (RRCG) with regards to the use of leaded fuels at the Airport. It was explained that both the RCA and Fareham Borough Council are committed to introducing unleaded fuel with a new tanker to be installed at the site at the earliest opportunity which will allow over half of the resident aircraft to use unleaded fuel.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 were received.

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

3. Airport Management Matters

Members of the RCA Management Team delivered a presentation on various Airport Management Matters.

A copy of the presentation will be circulated with these Minutes.

a) Airport Operations

Martyn Francis presented details of the Airport Operations highlighting all the activities undertaken in the day to day running of the airport.

Question – When will a meeting be arranged between RCA and Ranvilles Residents?

Answer – A meeting was arranged last year, but as the RRCG s opened up the invitation on social media to a wide audience the meeting was cancelled. An alternative date will be arranged for RCA to meet with a small number of RRCG representatives to be agreed in advance.

b) Performance

Martyn went on to present details on the airport performance which highlighted that airport movements were slightly down, mainly due to the poor weather.

No questions or comments were received from the Committee.

c) Compliments & Complaints

Martyn provided an overview of complaints received about the airport and highlighted that complaints are down 7%.

Councillor Needham addressed the Committee to comment that some aircraft have been reported to be cutting the corner off the flightpath and have been flying a route that is not directly over the Stubbington bypass.

Answer – aircraft may ‘cut the corner’ of the circuit on departure from runway 05 due to the proximity of adjoining airspace. However, this is not illegal, and aircraft may overfly congested area (properties) in the act of taking off or landing as per the CAA regulations.

Question – Can anything be done to stop aircraft flying over the sensitive areas of Titchfield Haven?

Answer – Overflying is not illegal so long as the correct height is maintained in line with CAA guidelines. Where aircraft deviate from the standard flight path it will be with good reason, either as a result of cross winds, or other aircraft in the circuit. New pilots can stray from the correct routing either because of unfamiliarity with the airfield joins but even if this were the causal factor the aircraft would always be operating within aviation rules. We make every effort to monitor deviating aircraft from the correct flight path and where necessary will always remind pilots of the airport conditions for flying to ensure local residents in close proximity to the airfield are not adversely affected.

Titchfield Haven has been discussed with our wildlife consultants in the past and the Titchfield Haven does not appear on any CAA list of restrictions. The SSSI (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) bylaw relevant restrictions on use of vehicles states:

3.29 Landing any aircraft (except in case of emergency).

3.30 Launching or landing (except in case of emergency) any hang glider, micro-light aircraft, hot-air balloon, paraglider, model aircraft, sky lantern, unmanned aerial vehicle (‘drone’) or similar airborne contrivance and/or operating them at a height or location that may disturb the features of special scientific interest [specify features]

This is ambiguous and would need to stipulate any features of concern i.e. bird species etc. However, in general aircraft avoid the area due to the way the circuit is drawn and we will review within the air traffic services team for any further enhancements that may be considered.

The RRCG commented that not all aircraft are staying on the circuit and are cutting corners.

Councillor P Hayre advised that lots of residents that she speaks to are happy with the airport and associated activity.

d) Safety and Security

Martyn provided an overview of the airport’s safety and security, highlighting that it has been a quiet year with only 4 reports of safety issues report, which were highlighted in the presentation.

1. Mandatory Occurrence Report (MOR)
 - a. PAN (emergency) radio call: smoke from the engine
 - b. Runway Incursions
2. Damage to airport infrastructure – Taxiway surface damage during AGL works
3. Injury (work related) – Staff member jammed finger in main doors

Question – Why is there leaded fuel for sale at the airport?

Answer – Because otherwise the majority of aircraft would have no fuel to fly.

Question – Will the airport stop selling leaded fuel?

Answer – No

Councillor S Dugan addressed the Committee to highlight that the move to unleaded fuel is an ongoing process that is not unique to this airport. All airports are in the same situation.

RRCG continued to highlight the concerns of residents over the lead levels in the fuel used at the airport.

Both the Chairman and RCA repeated what had been recorded in the previous Minutes, explaining that the Jet A1 fuel used at the Airport has no lead in it and the AvGAS has very low levels of lead. Both the Council and RCA are dedicated to reducing the environmental impact from the airport but currently there is no legislation to restrict lead use. The Council is tackling this issue at source by offering lead free, alternatives .

Question – Can more be done to stop pilots cutting corners and flying over houses?

Answer – RCA is pro-active on this issue and fortunately .95% of aircraft comply with the circuit. Pilots are made aware of the circuit and repeat offenders will be banned from using the airport if deemed as repeat offenders.

Question – What damage was caused when the AGL was installed?

Answer - Damage to the Coastguard taxiway surface, due to the need to drill underneath the taxiway. Works are now being undertaken to repair the damage.

e) Airspace

Martyn presented details on the airspace matters providing an overview of the work being undertaken by the team at RCA.

Question – How long do the drone permits last for?

Answer – Drone permits are usually valid for 12 or 24 hours.

Question – How will the ATZ (Aerodrome Traffic Zone) benefit residents?

Answer – Aircraft traffic will be able to join the circuit from the north, avoiding more housing.

4. Airport Development

Richard Guyver provided a brief overview of the implementation of the Airport Investment Programme, such as the aeronautical ground lighting, performance-based navigation and the replacement of a fuel bowser, along with continued work on the visibility of the control room.

Questions - What is the cost for these items?

Answers – The capital budget agreed for the Airport Investment Programme were agreed in 2022 and set out in reports to the Council's Executive.

5. Any Other Business

The Committee thanked the Chairman for his long service to the Council and wished him well in his retirement.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 16 October 2024 at 2.30pm.

(The meeting started at 2.30pm
and ended at 3.29pm)

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Item 3 – A

Airport Operations



Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL)
Installation well underway.

Performance Based Navigation (PBN)
Instrument Approach Procedures in design stage, with Stakeholder engagement to follow.



- New joiners:**
- Senior Airport Fire Officer
 - 2 new AFISO members
 - 2 new Air Ops



Carbon Sustainability & Environmental, Social and Governance
Road map - developed to support Council Action Plan



Fueling - FY24
AVGAS 200,658L
JETA1 141,105L

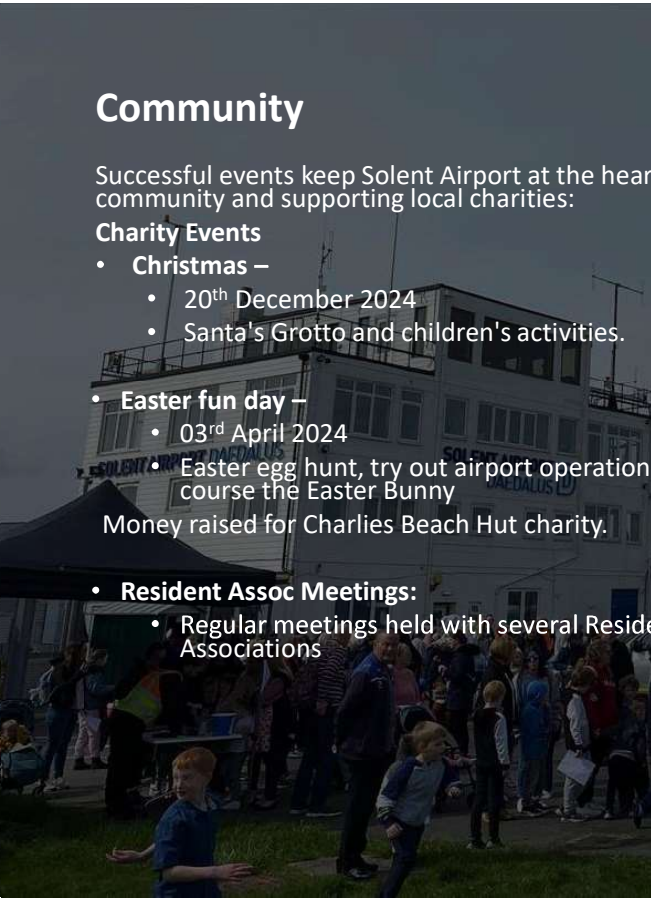


Community

Successful events keep Solent Airport at the heart of the community and supporting local charities:

Charity Events

- **Christmas –**
 - 20th December 2024
 - Santa's Grotto and children's activities.
- **Easter fun day –**
 - 03rd April 2024
 - Easter egg hunt, try out airport operations and of course the Easter Bunny
- **Resident Assoc Meetings:**
 - Regular meetings held with several Residents' Associations



Upcoming Events & Engagement



D-Day 80 Celebrations

08th – 09th June 2024

Air and Static Display Aircraft being organised by the airport and landside event by Monserrat events.



Solent E-Newsletter

Stay up to date with events by Signing up to our newsletter. E-shots Operator Campaigns



Solent Airport 5K

For all those runners Sunday 23rd June 2024 Up to 1000 participants

Item 3 B - Performance

Year on Year Summary



Fixed Wing	Apr 22 to Mar 23	Apr 23 to Mar 24	% Var.
Business	1069	786	(26%)
Corp/Charter	79	53	(33%)
Flying Schools	20,709	16,626	(20%)
GA	8549	8828	3%
Other	610	438	(28%)

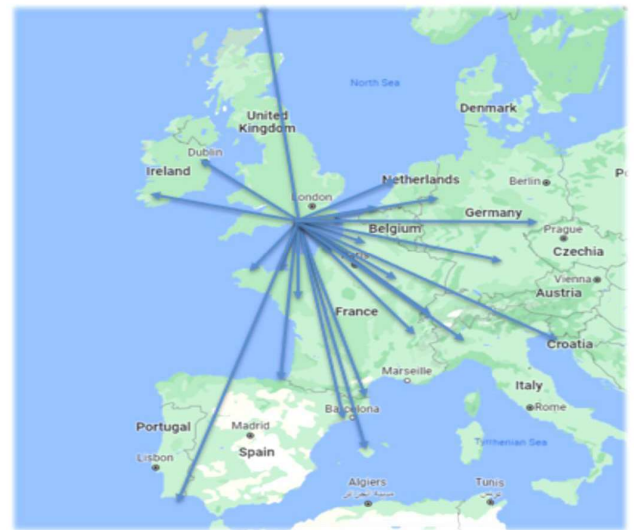
- Weather adversely impacting on traffic levels.
- Both movements and fuel sales both lower than budget.
- Despite the shortfall in traffic, revenue up 6% on previous year.

Rotary	Apr 22 to Mar 23	Apr 23 to Mar 24	% Var.
Business	262	167	(36%)
SAR	1,807	1,239	(31%)
Corp/Charter	130	276	112%
GA	318	532	67%
MIL	48	32	(33%)

Fuel Sales	F23 Act.	FY24 Bud.	FY24 Act.	% Var.
AVGAS 100LL	194,959	245,424	200,668	3%
JETA1	154,145	165,472	141,105	(8%)
Total	349,104	410,896	341,763	(2%)

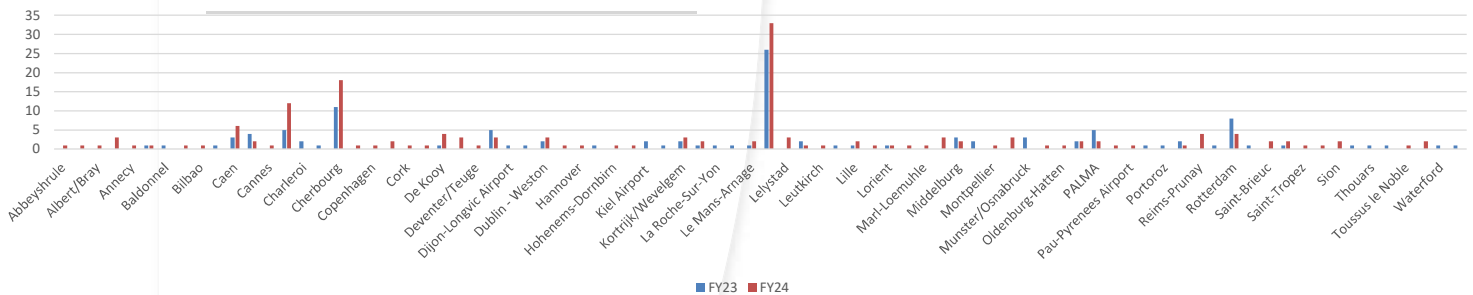
International Movements

Event	FY23	FY24	Var %
Arrivals	133	147	10%
Departure	137	151	9%

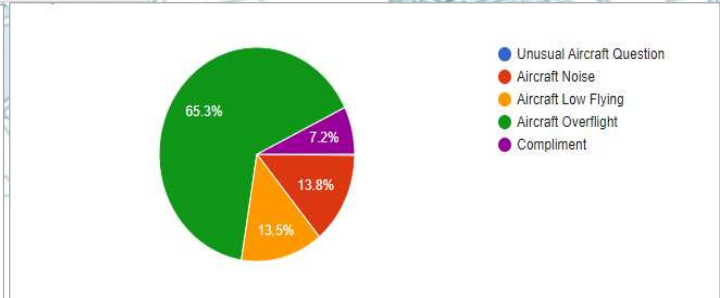
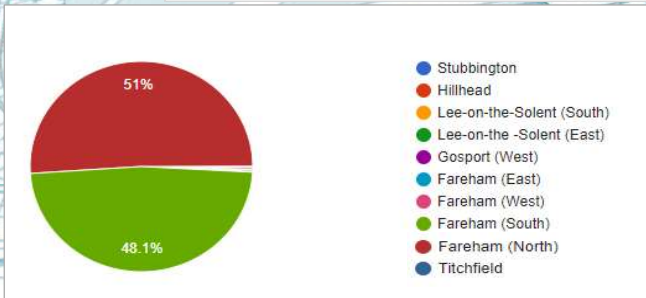
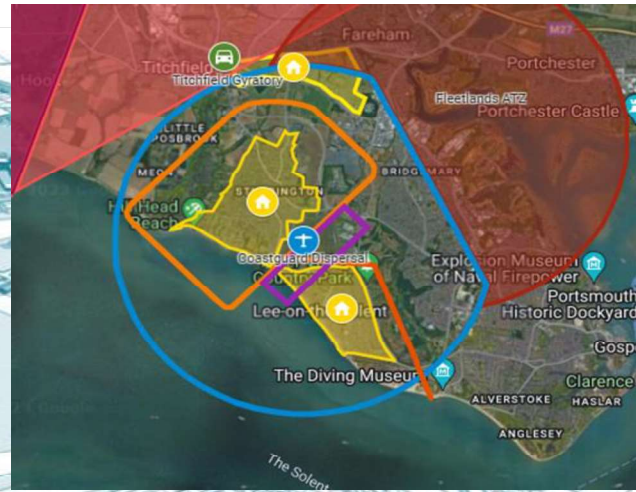
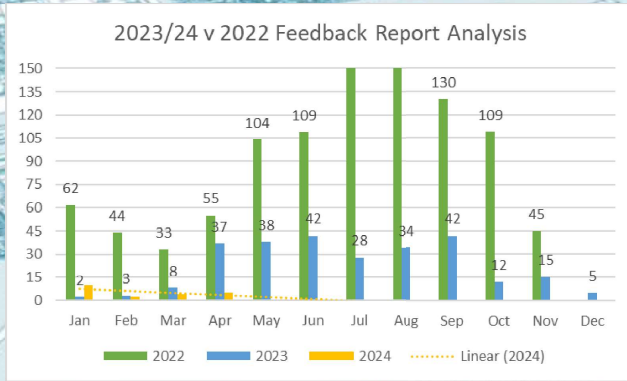


- Furthest arrival Corfu, Greece.
- 12 new Airports

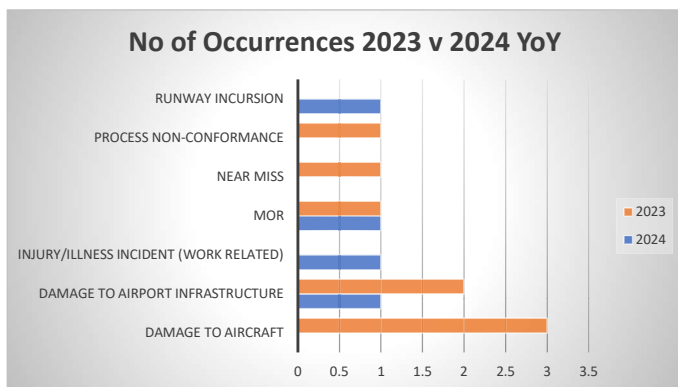
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Item 3 C Complaints & Compliments Monitoring



Item 3 D -Safety and Security



2024

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- Damage to airport Infrastructure – Taxiway surface heave during AGL install
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CAA ANSP Audit
March 2024.



The Emergency Planning
Committee Table Top Exercise
(TTX) 29th November 2023.
Successful Exercise and plans for
Live Ex late 2024.



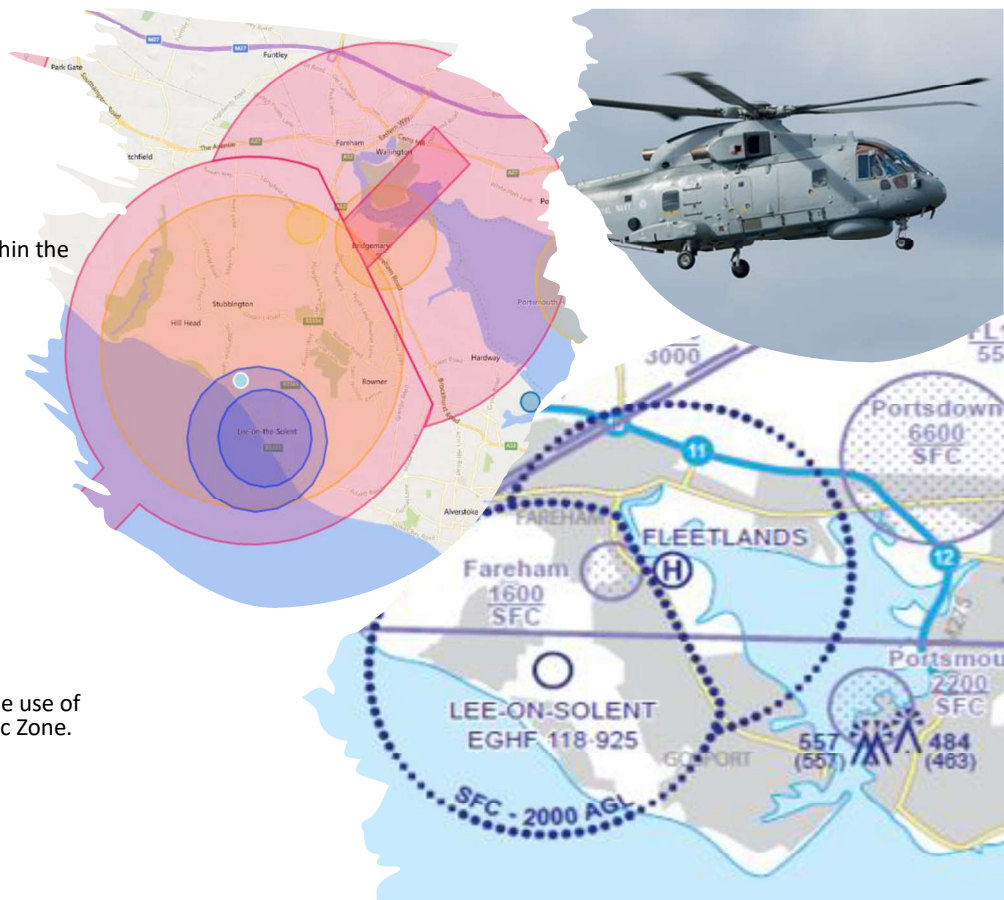
Solent Airport continues to
operate safely with occurrence
reports being recorded as:
2022 = 46,
2023 = 23 and
2024 = 4

Item 3 E - Airspace

- **Drone Permits**
- Issued for Unmanned Air Systems operations within the Flight Restriction Zone:
 - 2023 = 49
 - 2024 = 15

- **Crane Permits**
- Issued (within 6km of the aerodrome):
 - 2023 = 15
 - 2024 = 04

- **Airspace and ATZ**
- Ongoing discussion with CAA & Fleetlands for the use of an upper portion of Fleetlands Aerodrome Traffic Zone.



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