

Notice of Motion (Procedure Rule 12.1) – Council 20 February 2024

Proposer: Cllr Paul Follows

Seconder(s): Cllr Steve Williams, Cllr Tony Fairclough, Cllr Janet Crowe, Cllr Julian Spence, Cllr Richard Steijger, Cllr Gemma Long, Cllr David Beaman

Opposition to the expansion of Farnborough Airport

“Noting that,

(a) Farnborough Airport is proposing to expand its operations dramatically.

(b) This expansion will increase the maximum number of annual aircraft movements from 50,000 to 70,000 per annum, including an increase in non-weekday aircraft movements from 8,900 to 18,900 per annum.

(c) Rural areas surrounding the airport could see as many as 18 flights per hour over them, and a significant amount of the flight management for this increase will occur in the aerospace above Farnham and the villages of Western Waverley

(d) The review of new flight paths (implemented in 2020) has yet to conclude (the Post Implementation Review), and the airport still needs to measure aircraft noise despite a commitment to the CAA and MPs to do so.

(e) The average number of passengers per flight is 2.5 per plane, and approximately 40% of the flights from the airport fly empty.

(f) The UK Climate Change Committee has stated that there should be no further expansion of airports without mitigation for aircraft emissions

Waverley Borough Council:

1. Opposes the expansion of Farnborough Airport
2. Will write to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, the Secretary of State for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs, and the Secretary of State for Transport requesting an immediate halt to the expansion proposals.
3. Will write to the two relevant MPs (the MP for East Hampshire and the MP for South West Surrey), asking them for their comments and seeking their support in opposing this expansion.
4. Will write to Rushmoor Borough Council with formal comments to the planning application submitted to that council by Farnborough Airport Ltd. (which must be submitted before March 2024)
5. Will communicate our opposition and rationale for that opposition to the public and to the towns and parishes within Waverley.”

END OF MOTION

