



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 Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 10.30am

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – clerk

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:** Mrs Hull (prior engagement)
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 **18th January 2016**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Public Open Session:** There were no members present
7. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** There were none
8. **Gatwick Arrivals Independent Review (GAIR):** Cllr Barrington-Johnson said that the report was fair and made positive recommendations (e.g. widen the swathe) but the main outcome was how GAL would respond and implement in the 12 month period.
Mr Howden was disappointed that night time flights were excluded. Cllr Mrs Soyke said the report highlighted the appalling communication between the organisations and then to the public.
The committee agreed that from the report Point Merge was a dead issue for now. It was also agreed that the committee should meet after Gatwick has responded to the report to consider GAL's response and next steps for SPC.
9. **Additional Runway:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson had drafted a letter which was to be sent to a number of MPs to encourage them to re-visit the option of building an airport in the estuary.

Amendments had been made and additional recipients suggested and it will be put to Full Council for consideration at the March meeting.

10. SPC ATC web page: Issues were discussed and clarified and the Clerk will attempt to update the page. When it is updated it should be mentioned in the magazines.

11. Items for information: There were none

With no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am

Chairman