

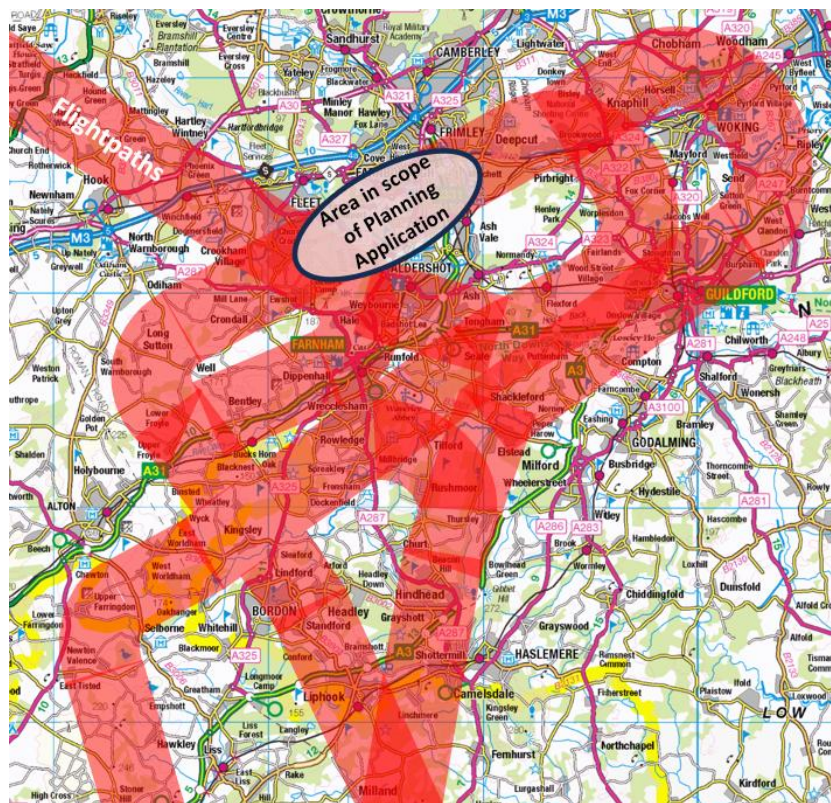
Dear Councils/Councillors

## **HELP US FIGHT FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT'S EXPANSION PLANNING APPLICATION**

The application to increase the number of weekend flights and size of aircraft has a response deadline of 30th December. Independent communication by the airport a few weeks ago means that the public and councils may believe they responded officially to this planning application – THESE COMMENTS WERE NOT SENT TO RBC AND ARE NOT INCLUDED AS A RESPONSE TO THE APPLICATION! The link to send responses to RBC is [here](#)<sup>1</sup>.

### **Area of Impact**

The planning application only considers noise, pollution and environmental harm a mile or so from the airport. It ignores other significantly impacted areas.



The airport claims the expansion will result in an increase in employment and local/national revenue. We challenge this and the application does not include the cost of human or environmental harm caused or the reduction in property prices (estimated to be billions of pounds in the areas under flightpaths). FNG is working to list the key points of challenge from the planning application and will make them available on our website ([www.farnboroughnoise.org](http://www.farnboroughnoise.org)). If you want us to send them to you, please email [Farnboroughnoise@gmail.com](mailto:Farnboroughnoise@gmail.com).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/farnborough-airport/farnborough-airport-planning-application/>

## **RBC is not compliant with regulations**

A '**Duty to Cooperate**,' introduced by the **Localism Act 2011**<sup>2</sup>, places a legal obligation on local planning authorities to engage constructively with neighbouring authorities where there is an impact across administrative boundaries. Failure to demonstrate compliance could result in the plan being found 'unsound'. RBC hasn't done this. We request that you challenge this.

Constructive face-to-face consultation with the public is needed to comply with the **Gunning Principles**<sup>3</sup>. RBC needs to extend the consultation period, it's not sufficient for RBC to write to a small group of people with biased and incomplete information, particularly when people are focussed on Christmas rather than a planning application. It seems that RBC is not planning any public consultation meetings, so we will arrange them.

Leigh Day, under Farnborough Noise Group's instruction, has already written to RBC informing it of the legal issues regarding the scope of the **Environmental Impact Assessment** that fed into the planning application. Leigh Day's email to RBC is on Farnborough Noise Group's website.

## **Please support Farnborough Noise Group to:**

### ***Protect our health and homes***

Airport expansion would increase noise and air pollution, harming residents' well-being, children's learning and local quality of life as well as impacting property prices.

### ***Stop expansion for the ultra-wealthy***

The airport serves a tiny elite while creating huge emissions and disruption for local communities. Its growth benefits the few and burdens the many.

### ***Stand up for climate and community justice:***

Expanding private jet flights undermines Net Zero commitments and local efforts to reduce emissions and RBC's Local Plan.

We are planning a judicial review if RBC approves the airport's application. This is likely to cost about £40,000. We have a donor who will match any funding given by the public. If you can, please donate towards challenging the airport's proposal, FNG's bank details are:

Farnborough Airspace Noise Group, Account No: 20495268, Sort Code: 60-83-01

We will be hosting two Q&A sessions on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am and 7.30pm. (details on [www.farnboroughnoise.org](http://www.farnboroughnoise.org). You can also follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/groups/farnboroughnoise](https://www.facebook.com/groups/farnboroughnoise)) and Twitter/X (@FarnboroughNG).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a79a0b740f0b642860d98a2/1896534.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/The%20Gunning%20Principles.pdf>