

Weekly RPC Clerk's Update: 22-29 October 2018

E-MAILS/COMMUNICATION

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- Jubilee Hall drains have now been repaired and insurance company will arrange for measuring equipment to be installed on the right-hand side of the building (where there is a crack in the wall) to measure movement.
- Relevant Winterplan 2018 information (as required) has been submitted to WSCC.
- King George V building: smoke detectors are being installed next week and emergency exit signs maintenance/testing work undertaken.
- Informed councillors of latest information on individual e-mail addresses.

25.10.2018 E-mails (2) from Sussex and Surrey Association of Local Councils (SSALC)

“ Helping you prepare for severe cold weather

coldAlert is a free service for Sussex residents, which alerts you to severe cold weather events before they happen.

coldAlerts are sent directly to you 24 to 48 hours before a cold weather event is expected. You can choose how you receive coldAlerts either via mobile App, text, automated voice message (to your home phone) or by email - it's easy and free!

Receiving a coldAlert can help you prepare by prompting you to heating your home, to stock up on supplies of hot food and drinks and medication, it can also act as a reminder to wear extra layers of clothing when going outside in the forecast cold conditions.

Who should register for coldAlerts? Carers of elderly relatives or friends, parents of young children and people with health conditions (e.g. arthritis, heart or lung conditions) that worsen in severe cold weather, could benefit from receiving coldAlerts.

To receive coldAlerts simply download the airAlert App (from the App Store or Google Play and subscribe to the coldAlert service), register at www.coldAlert.info or call us on 01273 484337.

The service is managed by the Sussex Air Quality Partnership www.sussex-air.net and funded by the Sussex local NALC authorities & Public Health.”

“SPRING CONFERENCE 2019

11 February 2019

London

NALC's Spring Conference 2019 is an essential event for councillors, council officers, county association members and officers as local councils join with other parts of the public sector (including the government and principal authorities), the private sector and voluntary sector to discuss the key policy issues of the moment. The event will start to realise the future from the NALC vision that parishes will be the focus of community effort, the natural centre of a range of public activity and service delivery; giving a democratic voice to those communities working in partnership with other agencies. This will be a brilliant opportunity for councillors, clerks, county officers and members, exhibitors and sponsors to network, share good practice and be equipped with the best skills to face the future challenges of their communities.”

22/26.10.2018 Emails (2) from Slinfold Parish Council

Letter to: Gatwick Noise Management Board and the NMB Sub Group

"25th October 2018

Gatwick Noise Management Board

I am writing on behalf of and at the request of Slinfold Parish Council to express its concern in relation to the current composition and effectiveness of the Gatwick Noise Management Board (NMB).

Along with 27 other Parish Councils the Council is a member of the Parish and Town Council Aviation Forum (PTCAF) and relies solely on CAGNE, a single voice at the NMB, to represent the concerns of its parishioners. The current composition of the NMB, specifically the imbalance from the other Community Noise Groups (CNG's) means that these groups are able to comment and influence decisions on airspace that bears no relation to their area of concern. In doing so CAGNE is finding itself outvoted on areas of concern to the PTCAF.

With the CNGs playing such an important and influential role in the NMB, it is of paramount importance that the NMB ensure that CNGs are governed appropriately and can evidence how they consult those people/areas they claim to represent. Only with this clearly evidenced should a CNG be able to have such an influential seat on the NMB and then only on areas of concern to those groups. It is unrealistic for the NMB secretariat to detail that all CNGs that sit on the NMB must concern themselves with airspace that is outside of their groups concerns.

There are six CNG groups that are outside of the LOAEL noise contour measurement. Individuals from the same area in the east have also been permitted to have input into the NMB making the imbalance of representation of communities even greater in favour of arrivals at 14nm+ from the runway.

If the imbalance continues CAGNE will always be outvoted and thus communities closest to the runway / experiencing new aircraft noise will always be at a disadvantage even though the noise experienced can be of a greater severity. We would like this situation addressed so that a more constructive way forward can be found for all communities and not just arrivals at 14nm+ outside the LOAEL noise contour.

A stated aim of CAGNE is to be fair to all to the east and west with arrivals and departures for Sussex and Surrey. The current composition of the NMB is not allowing this to happen and certainly not allowing CAGNE to fairly represent the members of the PTCAF who are affected by a range of aircraft issues. CAGNE is unable to bring their voices to the NMB forum in a fair way due to the imbalance of community groups on the NMB.

Furthermore, the Parish Council is very concerned that the recent proposal put forward by seven CNGs that a member be added to the sub-committee to review the NMB will lead to a further imbalance on the NMB. The Parish Council would like to request that an independent person with detailed relevant experience be added to this review sub-committee to ensure a fair and equitable balance in the NMB.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, should you require any additional information or detail please contact me in the first instance, my details are in the letter head above, thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mary Burroughs

PARISH CLERK on behalf of Slinfold Parish Council

also via Email:

MP Jeremy Quin,

Stewart Wingate (Gatwick)

Elizabeth Kitchen,

Neighbouring Parishes

CAGNE and APCAG

Councillors (County, District and Parish)”

Letter to Louise Goldsmith, Leader, WSCC

“26th October 2018

Dear Mrs Goldsmith

Velo Cycling Event

The Velo South cycling event has led to some strong opinions among Slinfold residents. Some people were strongly in favour and/or participating and willing to make adjustments on the day. Some were strongly opposed, mainly, it seems, because of the lack of prior consultation and what they felt to be excessive periods of road closure. Others

A number of businesses in and around Slinfold were also affected. While we are aware of one larger firm who were able to agree arrangements with Velo South to keep their business moving, we are aware of others who appear to have had no supportive response from Velo South. One local business which employs some Slinfold residents was expecting reduced takings and would have had to lay off employees for the day. An overriding concern of Slinfold residents - expressed both by those in favour and those opposed - was of lack of prior consultation and information and of what they perceived as an abdication by West Sussex County Council. Velo South provided only sketchy information in advance, and some of that quite late in the day. Flyers were not delivered to individual houses until only a couple of months before the event. Residents who contacted the Parish Council pointed out that they had commitments planned many weeks or months before that would now be disrupted. A number of people with regular commitments - for example caring for relatives or livestock - would also be seriously affected.

Having sponsored the idea of a cycle race, and after the initial introduction by yourself in April and May 2018, West Sussex County Council left all major contact with the public to

Velo South - even we, a fellow Council, were directed to them. When trying to make contact, our Chairman was told that Velo South would be making arrangements such as temporary car parking and escorted routes to help residents cut off by the closures. But it appears that none of this was done - the only mitigating arrangement we are aware of was for a major local business. Other residents complained of getting no meaningful response to their concerns.

*Some of our residents are angry that West Sussex County Council have supported this event, and then seem to have left it to others to deal with the consequences. They complain that the Council seems to have been captivated by ideas put forward by an offshore company which stood to make considerable profit from the event. They are sceptical of the boost to the local economy that Velo South and the County Council were promoting **and that it was being sold as a Charity Event which clearly was not the primary objective.***

The County Council's approach to this event also put Slinfold Parish Council in a difficult position. We had no information from, or consultation with, the County Council prior to the decision to go ahead with the event. The first notable briefing document from Velo was mid-April and we used this to inform our residents, at the earliest opportunity, in our Parish Council News in June. This was at our own cost. Communications to residents and business should have been much earlier and the cost of doing so should not have fallen to Parish Councils. Velo promised to letter drop circulations in May 2018, there is little evidence that this happened in our parish.

We were not given any specific contact details of the relevant people in the County Council which we would have reasonably expected although we did contact you directly regarding some of our concerns. The County Council put the Parish Council in the position where our only response to contact from a concerned resident was to ask them to "contact Velo South". It is unacceptable that your actions should so disempower local representatives.

We also do not understand why roads had to be closed for so long during the day. Some roads around our Parish would have been closed from 07:30 to 15:00 - with a number of affected residents and businesses told that they should just stay at home for that time. We are aware of other mass-participation events where rolling closures have been used, yet this suggestion was dismissed out of hand by the Cabinet Member in a Council meeting.

If the County Council thinks about doing something similar in future then it must ensure that:

- Information is available far in advance of the event, which must make clear the expected benefits (in concrete terms) to the communities that will be affected by the disruption, and put in place an effective consultation mechanism;*
- An event is fully risk assessed. The Risk Assessment should be shared with Parish Council's along the route and their views consulted upon;*
- The organiser understands the vital need to provide access for local residents and businesses, and the County Council must be sure that the organiser will put in place suitable arrangements;*
- Rolling road closures are used wherever possible, and closures are kept to a minimum;*
- The County Council is clearly and constantly in overall control of planning for the event, and provides an effective communication channel for residents and businesses;*
- There is transparency on financial aspects, and a clear and meaningful financial contribution from the organisers to benefit local communities.*

We look forward to receiving your response, thank you.

Yours sincerely
Mary Burroughs
PARISH CLERK on behalf of Slinfold Parish Council

*******MONDAY 29.10.2018 e-mail***** (included as Horsham meeting is 3.11.2018)**

“Invitation to elected members preview at Gatwick draft Master Plan public exhibitions

On 18th October, Gatwick unveiled a draft Master Plan for ongoing development and sustainable growth at the airport, which sets out how the airport can meet the growing demand for air travel and deliver connections to global opportunities.

*We launched a 12-week public consultation to help inform the publication of the final Master Plan early next year. As part of that consultation we are holding **six public exhibitions** in our local area, the first of which will take place shortly.*

Given your role within the local community, we would be delighted if you were able to join us at the event most convenient to you: it would be an opportunity to meet representatives from Gatwick and to discuss our plans in more detail.

The exhibitions are listed below. We have reserved the first hour on each day as a preview session for elected representatives so that you can speak to the team and provide your feedback in a more relaxed setting. You are, of course, more than welcome to join us at any time that suits you.”

In addition to our hosted events, full details of the master plan, as well as how to respond, are available online at www.gatwickairport.com/masterplan2018. We would welcome your views and encourage you to respond before the consultation closes at 5pm on 10 January 2019.

Yours sincerely,

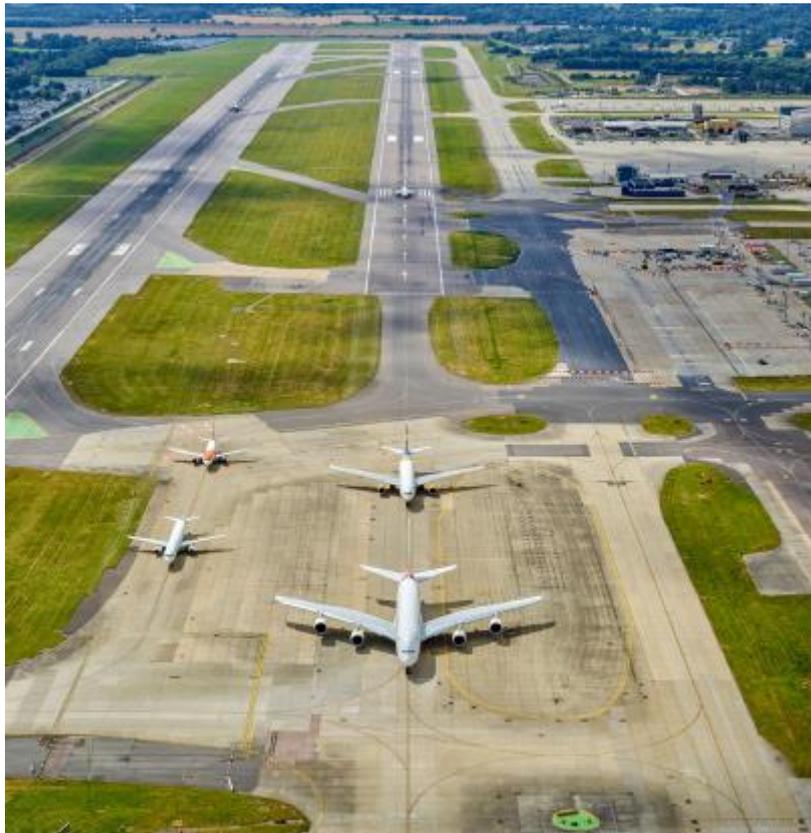
Tim Norwood
Chief Planning Officer

29.10.2018

CAGNE
Aviation Town and Parish
Council Forum

[As you may be aware Gatwick has launched a Master Plan consultation, which ends at 5pm on 10th January.](#)

[Forum Meeting](#) - Gatwick Airport has agreed to speak at our next Forum meeting on Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm at Salford and Sidlow village hall courtesy of the parish council - The Village Hall, 5 Honeycrook Lane, Salfords, Surrey, RH1 5DG



[Here are the suggested eleven answers to the questions set by Gatwick Airport](#) (see link below)

Master Plan details and questions can be found at -
https://www.gatwickairport.com/globalassets/business--community/growing-gatwick/draftmasterplan-consultation-doc_18oct.pdf
<https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/growing-gatwick/long-term-plans/>

CAGNE offers you the following answers to help you to strongly oppose the Master Plan and aid your response to the questionnaire. You can download suggested answers by visiting www.cagne.org but please use your own words for descriptive questions:

CAGNE has taken the unprecedented stance of calling for the Master Plan to be rejected as it includes plans for a 3 runway airport as this plan has serious ramifications for not just increases in noise, but on neighbourhood development plans, lack of infrastructure and areas of outstanding natural beauty.

We have produced a leaflet and drafted eleven answers to the eleven questions set by Gatwick to help residents to respond. You as a council may be able to glean some details from this, but obviously we will seek to produce a more detailed response for you post meeting if you agree with our stance.

The Master Plan events are being held at:

- Saturday 3 November – 15:30-19:30
The Barn, Causeway, Horsham, RH12 1HE
- Thursday 8 November – 15:30-19:30
Centrale Shopping Centre, Croydon, CR0 1TY
- Saturday 10 November – 11:00-17:00
Royal Victoria Place Shopping Centre, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2SS
- Monday 12 November – 15:30-19:30
Churchill Square Shopping Centre, Western Road, Brighton, BN1 2RG
- Saturday 17 November – 11:00-17:00
County Mall Shopping Centre, Crawley, RH10 1FG
- Date: Saturday 24 November - 15:30-19:30
- Location: Horley Leisure Centre, Anderson Way, Horley RH6 8SP

[Gatwick Master Plan](#) (see link)

[Master Plan eleven questions](#) (see link)