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Farnborough Airport – new consultation

You may have heard that Farnborough Airport has launched a public consultation to gather feedback from local communities on the Airport's future growth plans. This includes an increase in the number of annual flights from today's cap of 50,000 flights per year to 70,000, and a doubling of movements at the weekend.

We discussed our response to this consultation at our September meeting, and were grateful to several members of the public who attended and provided expert input. We resolved to make a formal submission to Farnborough Airport objecting to their proposals for an expansion of the airport operations.

The Council believes that if the requested increase in annual flight limits is permitted it would more than double current Farnborough flight movements (32,500) and it would considerably increase the noise pollution already suffered by Churt residents.

The Council also felt that the emissions from these flights would cause significant harm to residents and to the outstanding natural environment which surrounds Churt, would be a retrograde step in trying to achieve net-zero carbon emissions as well as being incompatible with the aspirations set out in Churt's Environmental Charter: Net Zero by 2050.

We urge Churt Residents to ensure your voices are heard **before the consultation closes on Wednesday 18th October by:**

- engaging with the consultation at <https://farnboroughairport2040.com> and making your own submission to Farnborough Airport, using the on-line form.
- reviewing information relevant to the expansion plans at Farnborough Noise Group's website at <https://www.farnboroughnoise.org/>
- considering signing the petition posted by Farnborough Noise Group at <https://chnq.it/4Y+McS7MnF>

For further information or help on how to respond please contact either Cllr Julian Spence (julian.spence@churt.org) or Cllr Myra Johnson (myra.johnson@churt.org)

These proposals are unrelated to the feedback we have recently submitted as part of the Airspace Change Post Implementation Review.

Cub Scouts clearing of Wicket Wood



On Tuesday evening this week, the Churt Cubs spent an evening in Wicket Wood pulling holly seedlings to help reduce the likelihood of the holly outcompeting many of the other species and dominating the wood. They received a visit from Catriona Reeby of the Surrey Climate Change Commission who had provided a grant to us to purchase gloves and equipment to help with the clearance. She was delighted to see the cubs hard at work in the wood!

New Councillor

New Councillor, Pippa Harrison was co-opted onto the Council at our September meeting. Pippa has lived in the village for many years, and will be taking on a new portfolio of Road Safety. This will be a focus of our October meeting, when we consider how to further improve road safety outside the village school.

Lisa Martin, Chair

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The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.