



MINUTES OF THE SOLENT AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 13 June 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room – Fareham Borough Council

Committee Members Present:

Fareham Borough Council

Councillor Sean Woodward
Councillor Simon Martin
Councillor Tiffany Harper
Councillor Jacquie Needham
Councillor Stephen Dugan

Hampshire County Council

Councillor Pal Hayre

Aerodrome

David Pinhorne - Daedalus Aviation and Heritage Group
Paul Coppin – Lee-On-Solent Microlight Club
Heather Hall – Britten-Norman Ltd

Community

Brian Mansbridge – Lee-On-The-Solent Residents Association
Ken Mackenzie – Hill Head Residents Association
Phillip Whineray – Ranvilles Residents Community Group

Also in Attendance:

Regional and City Airports (RCA)

Martyn Francis, Airport Manager

Alex Blake, Deputy Airport Manager

Fareham Borough Council

Richard Jolley, Director of Planning and Regeneration

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Ellie O'Toole from Euroflight Training Ltd and Frank Thompson – Phoenix Aviation.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2022 were received and agreed as a correct record.

3. Consultative Committee Matters

a) Terms of Reference

No comments were received on the Terms of Reference and the Chairman requested that the Consultative Committee Matters Item be removed from the standard agenda except when required for the Annual Review of the Terms of Reference.

4. Airport Management Matters

Members of the RCA Management Team delivered a presentation on various Airport Management Matters. Martyn Francis introduced Alex Blake, Deputy Airport Manager, who was in attendance at the Committee for the first time.

A copy of the presentation will be circulated with these Minutes.

a) Airport Operations

Martyn Francis presented details of the Airport Operations highlighting all the activities undertaken in the day to day running of the airport.

Question – Could you please explain the fuelling figures in the presentation in more detail please?

Answer – Across both fuels sales have outdone the forecast by 53%. AvGAS up 16% 208,000l v 180,000l and JET A1 163% 158,000l v 60,000l.

Question – Will the Charity Run organised by Naomi House be an annual event?

Answer – Yes, the hope is that this will be an annual event, although the date will need more consideration so that it doesn't clash with other similar events in the area.

b) Performance

Martyn went on to present details on the airport performance which highlighted that the airport movements were slightly down on the previous year. However, the management focus had been on increasing the yield per movement and revenue was up 35%

Question – Do Border Force become involved with the international flights?

Answer – Yes, Border Force do meet and greet inbound international flights on occasion. They usually arrive a few hours before the flight and use facilities at the airport to carry out their work with people arriving in the UK.

c) Complaints

Martyn provided an overview of complaints received about the airport.

Question – Are many of the complaints received by the RCA upheld by the CAA?

Answer – No, nothing has been upheld by the CAA.

Question – How does the complaints data compare to other airports of a similar size?

Answer – On average the type of complaints are fairly standard, however the amount of complaints is above other airfields.

Questions - Are the topics highlighted in the complaints, issues that the airport needs to address?

Answer – The majority of complaints are around overflying. Occasionally an aircraft strays from the circuit and very occasionally we have cause to address an issue with the pilot in question but usually there are no issues to address.

Questions – You mentioned complaints from local Residents Associations are the highest received. Is Lee-On-Solent included in that as we are not aware that the Lee-On-Solent Residents Association has made any complaints?

Answer – The data collected records all residents' associations together, however the pie-chart indicates that they are being received from Fareham South and West Wards.

Question – Are many complaints received for international flights?

Answer – Not that we are aware of.

Question – Is the change to the northern corner of the circuit still a trial and is there any prospect of it being moved further?

Answer – No, this change is now permanent.

Question – What can be done to fix the issues about the Ranvilles Lane area as residents are still experiencing problems?

Answer – We have been through thousands of complaints, data, reports and evidence from residents in the Ranvilles Lane area and done our best to address their issues. There is nothing more that we can do. The main reason for a pilot to be required to fly lower than usual, or to come wide of the circuit is safety, to avoid other aircraft.

Questions – Do aircraft coming into land have to complete the circuit?

Answer – They do have to join the circuit to land, but the amount of the circuit completed will depend on where they joined from.

d) Safety and Security

Martyn provided an overview of the airport's safety and security, highlighting that there are no areas of concern.

No questions were received from the Committee.

e) Airspace

Martyn presented details on the airspace matters providing an overview of the work being undertaken by the team at RCA.

No questions were received from the Committee.

5. Airport Development

Martyn Francis presented information on the airport's development. This was followed by Richard Jolley explaining the details within a report that is due to be considered by Fareham Borough Council's Executive on 19 June 2023. The report, Solent Airport Investment Programme, has been published on the Council's website and although it contains some confidential elements, the main report is available to the public. This same report is to be scrutinised by the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel before it is considered by the Executive.

Question – Does the development of the airport have a focus on sustainability?

Answer – Yes, there are a number of things currently underway to help reduce the airports carbon footprint as Fareham BC are committed to carbon neutrality by 2030 and this includes the Solent Airport.

6. Any Other Business

The issues raised by the Ranvilles Residents Community Group was raised again and Members of the Committee debated possible solutions to this ongoing dispute. It was concluded that both Fareham BC and the RCA had done all they could to address the residents' issues.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 12 October 2023 at 2.30pm.

(The meeting started at 2.30pm
and ended at 3.25pm)

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Consultative Committee Update June 2023



Airport Operations



RFFS training – Hot fire training Conducted at Bournemouth Airport



Hangar Management – Bellman 4 into operation 24 A/C relocated more strategically.



Re-fueling – outdoing forecast sales FY23 = 368,178 Ltr (+25%)
FY24 c423,896 Ltr



Aerodrome Flight Information Service Officers (4 + 1 adhoc.)



Community

- Successful events keep Solent Airport at the heart of the community and supporting local charity:
 - Christmas 2022 -£968 raised
 - Easter 2023 -£260 raised
 - Joshua – Trying for the Windsock World Record.

Resident Assoc Meetings:

- Regular meetings held with Lee and Hillhead Residents' Associations



Upcoming Events & Engagement



11th June - Airfield 5K
Charity run - all
Proceeds for Naomi
House & Jacksplace



23rd June DfT driven
Aviation Careers Day,
aimed at 11-18 year
learners
for a future in an aviation
industry.



Stay up to date with events
by Signing up to our
newsletter.
E-shots (monthly plan)

SOLENT AIRPORT 5K

NEW
EVENT!



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Naomi House
& Jacksplace
hospices for children

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Year on Year Performance Summary

- Movements slightly lower than forecast.
- Despite the shortfall in traffic, revenues were up 35% year on year.
- Resident business improved whilst GA traffic saw a small reduction in overall volume.



	April - Mar 2022	April - Mar 2023	YoY Var.%
Operator			
Business	21,050	23,086	10%
General Aviation	3,905	3,562	(9%)
Other Fixed-wing	7,851	4,819	(39%)
Other Helicopter	769	309	(60%)
Fixed-wing			
Movements	17,002	17,188	1%
T and G	15,254	13,778	(10%)
Total	32,256	30,966	(4%)
Helicopter			
Movements	1,009	782	(22%)
T and G	310	28	(91%)
Total	1,319	810	(39%)
Grand Total	33,575	31,776	(5%)

2023 so far...

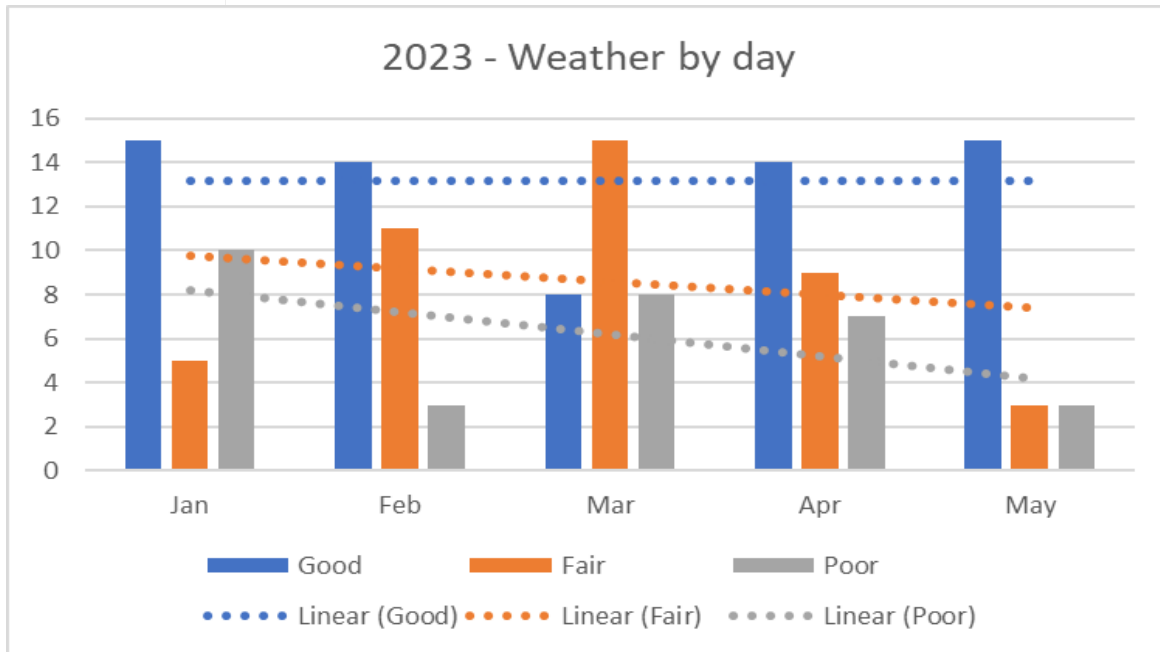
- 2023; weather has impacted on movement numbers so far this year.
- Type of traffic though has been better, which has offset impact of lower volume with better revenues being achieved.
- Margins overall are stronger on fees and charges and fuel revenues.



Performance - Total Movements						
Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023 v 2022 Change	YoY Var
Jan	1,859	299*	2,687	2,033	(654)	(24%)
Feb	1,638	732*	1,911	2,294	383	20%
Mar	2,058	1,017	2,638	1,969	(669)	(25%)
Apr	202	3,479	3,433	3,065	(368)	(11%)
May	421	1,694	3,348	2,925	(423)	(13%)

* COVID impact

Jan – May 2023 Movements v Weather

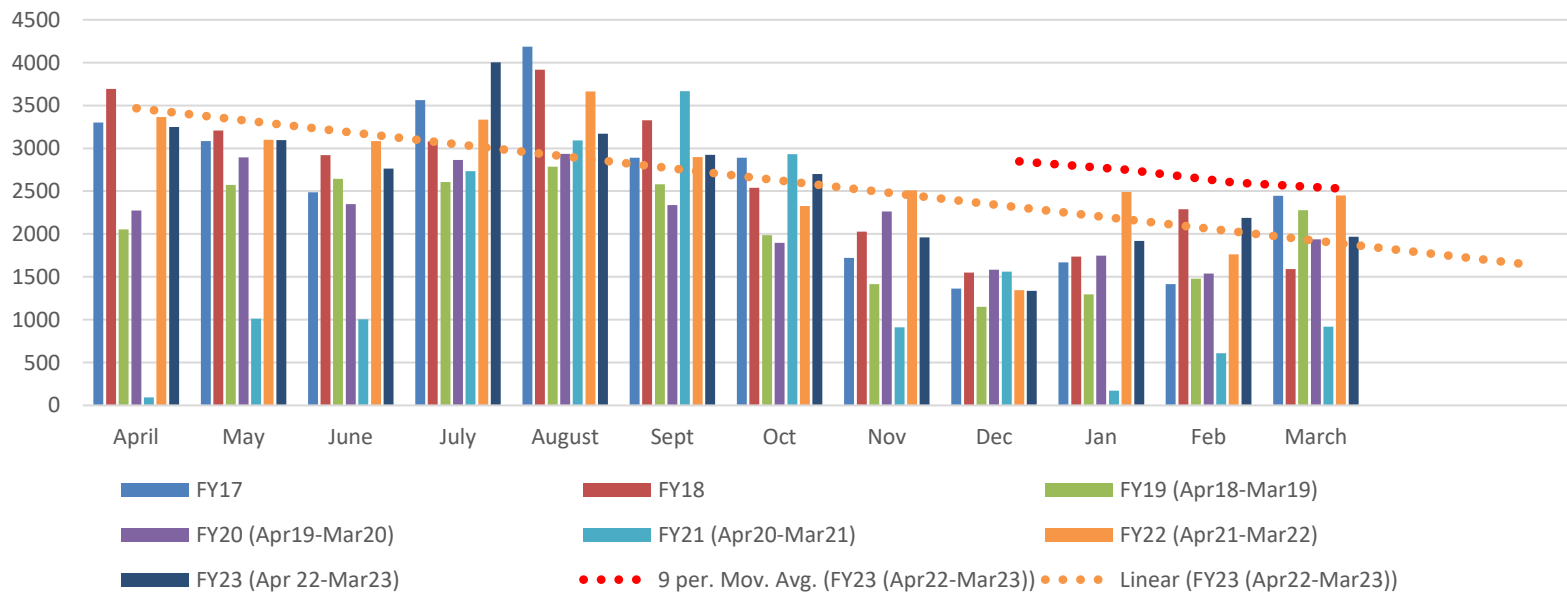


2023	Monthly Movements	Weather by day		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Jan	1,850	15	5	10
Feb	2,188	14	11	3
Mar	1,847	8	15	8
Apr	2,948	14	9	7
May	3,044	15	3	3

Annual Movements

- FY19 saw the withdrawal of the Gliders and subsequent decrease in movements
- FY21 C-19 impact
- FY22 influx of GA & Flying Schools back to flying post pandemic
- FY 23 cost of living crisis and fuel price increase impacted movement numbers, however airport income less affected due to new pricing strategy

Solent Airport - Movements by Fiscal Year



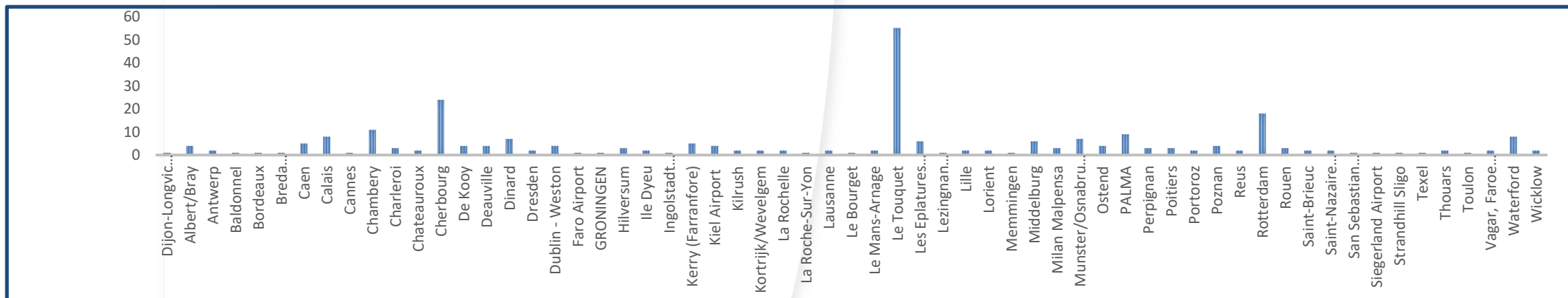
Movement Year	FY Total	YoY Var
FY17 (Apr 16-Mar 17)	31,010	0%
FY18 (Apr 17-Mar 18)	31,875	3%
FY19 (Apr 18-Mar 19)	24,842	(22%)
FY20 (Apr 19-Mar 20)	26,616	7%
FY21 (Apr 20-Mar 21)	18,696	(30%)
FY22 (Apr 21-Mar 22)	32,325	73%
FY23 (Apr 22-Mar 23)	31,277	(3%)

International Movements 2023

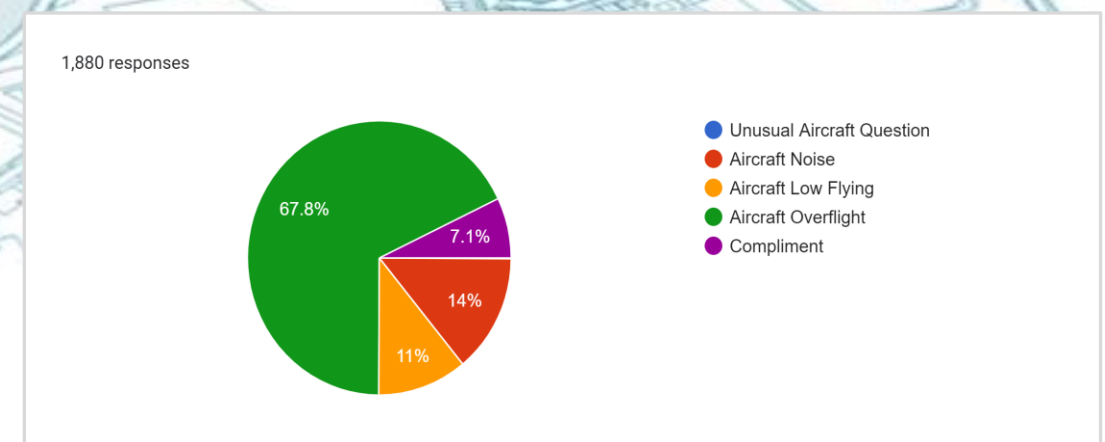
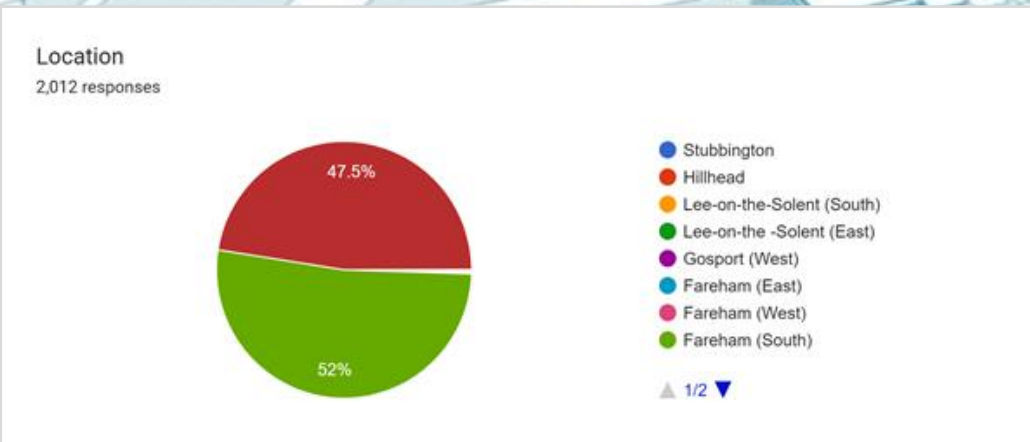
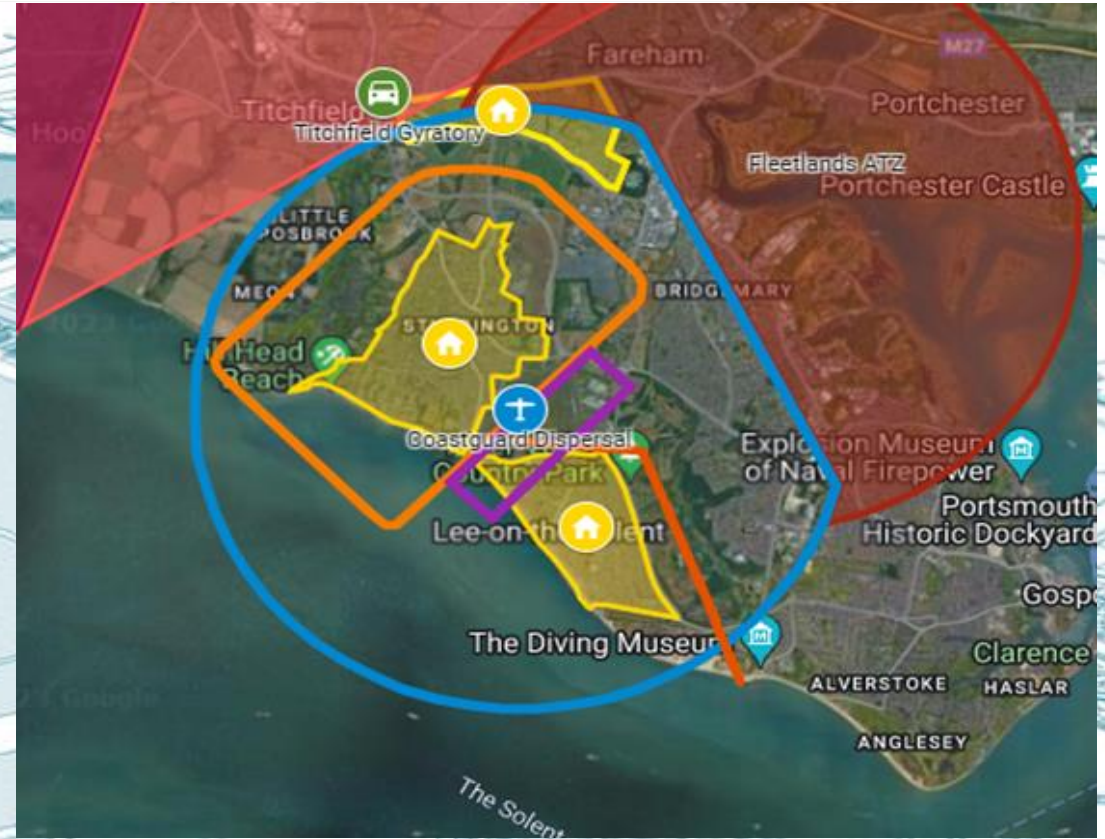
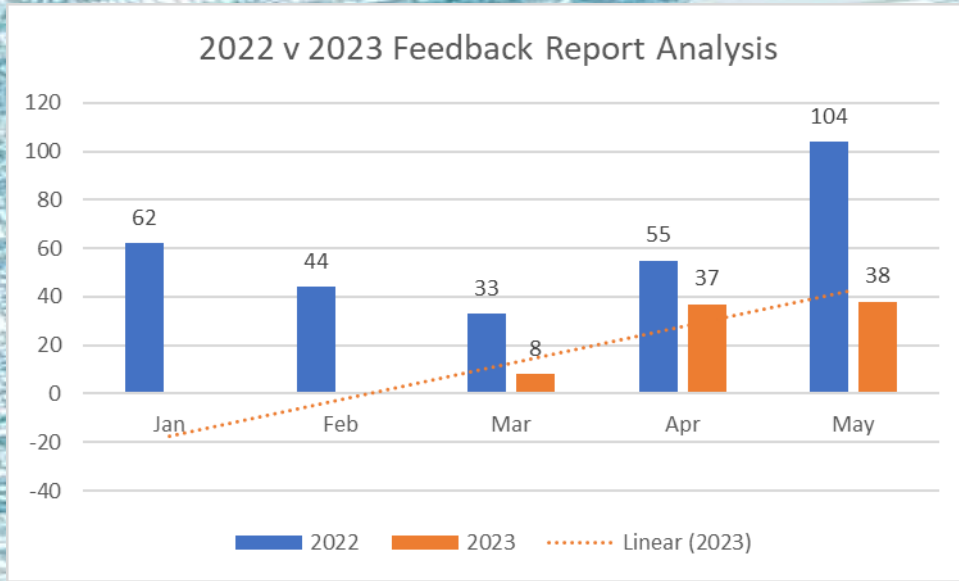


→ 66 international movements

→ Highest international user - Solent Airport based TBM9

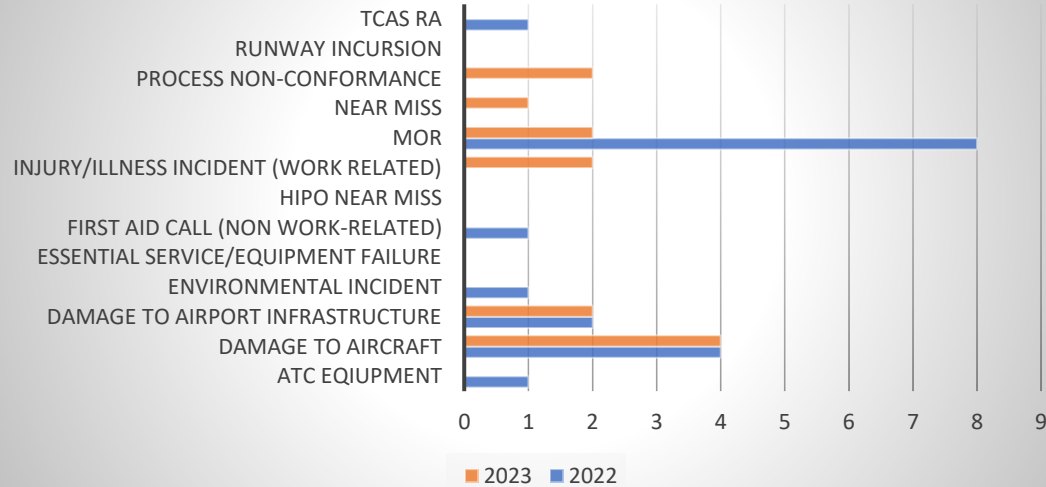


Complaints Monitoring



Safety and Security

No of Occurrences 2022 v 2023 YoY



2022 Reports

- TCAS RA CG175
- MOR – 2 x PAN, 2 x ATZ Infringement, Airprox, Bird Strike, PAN – MAYDAY
- First aid for café customer
- ATC equipment failure
- Environmental – Injured animal
- Damage to Airport Infrastructure – 2 x pavement break up
- Damage to A/C – 3 x punctures, 1 x tailwheel fail

2023 Reports

- PNC – Aircraft operating outside CAA daylight VFR, aircraft approach to incorrect RWY
- Near Miss - FOD
- MOR – ATZ infringement, Aircraft operating outside CAA daylight VFR and RWY Incursion
- Injury – airport staff member
- Damage to Airport Infrastructure – EH101 downwash sign damage
- Damage to Aircraft – 4 x tyre puncture



Air Traffic Management Audit undertaken Mar 2023. Minor administrative findings and overall, very complimentary report from the Regulatory authority



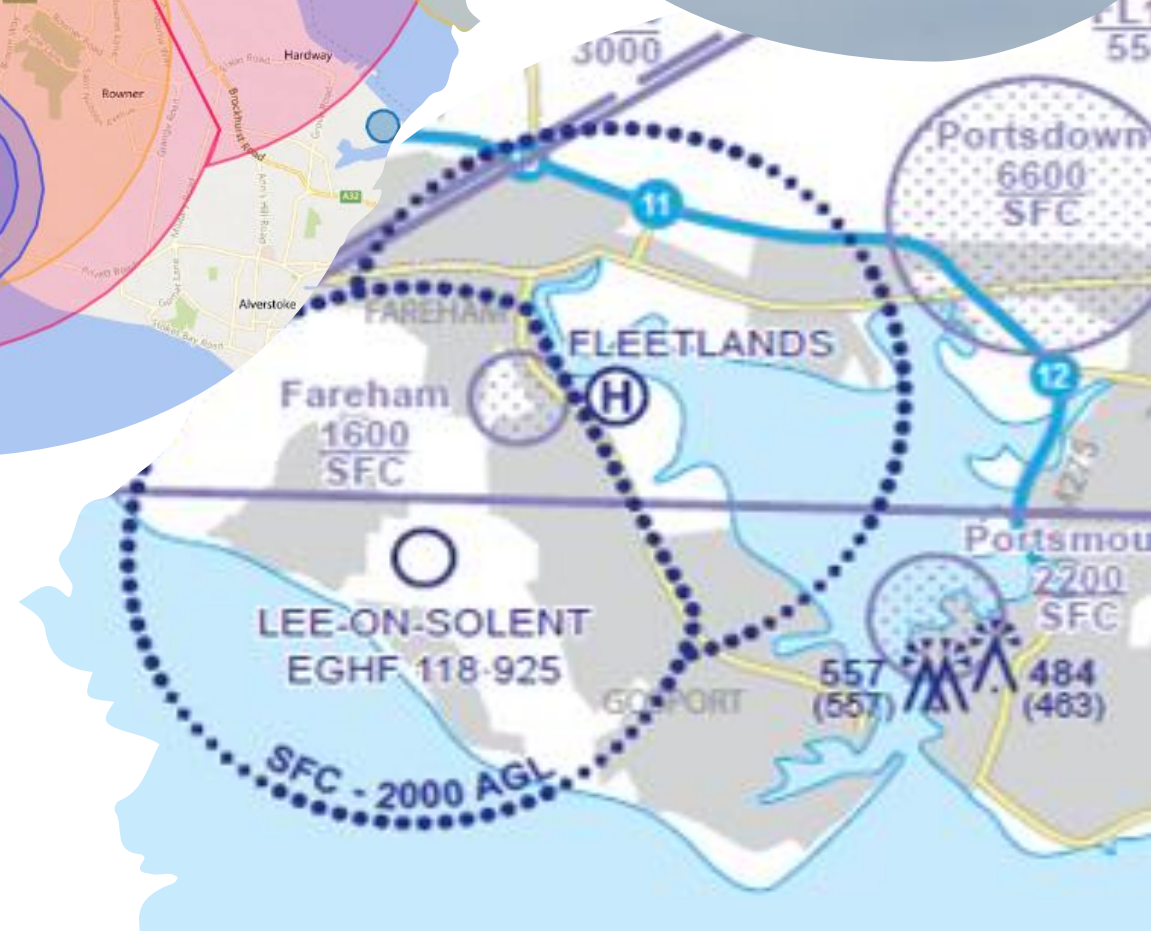
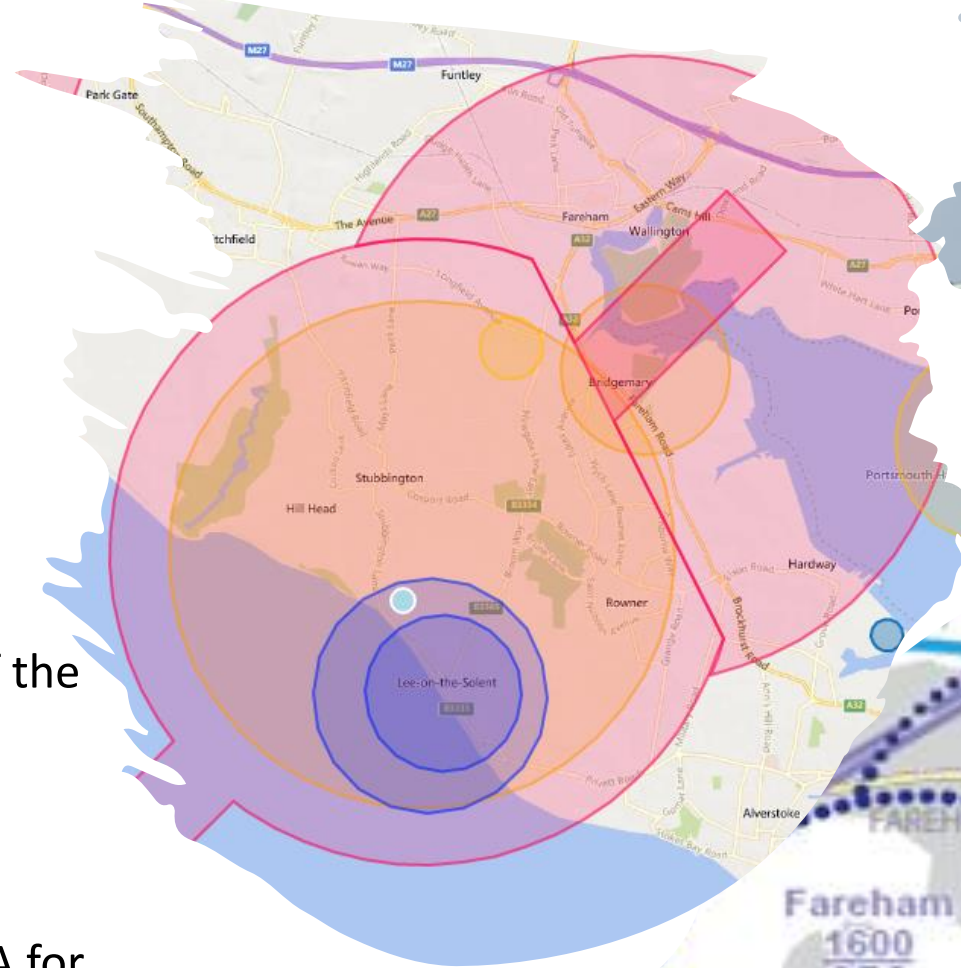
The Emergency Planning Committee met Apr 23, Plans for a Table Top Exercise later in the year and plan for LiveEx 2024



Solent Airport continues to operate safely with 13 occurrence reports being recorded in 2023.

Airspace

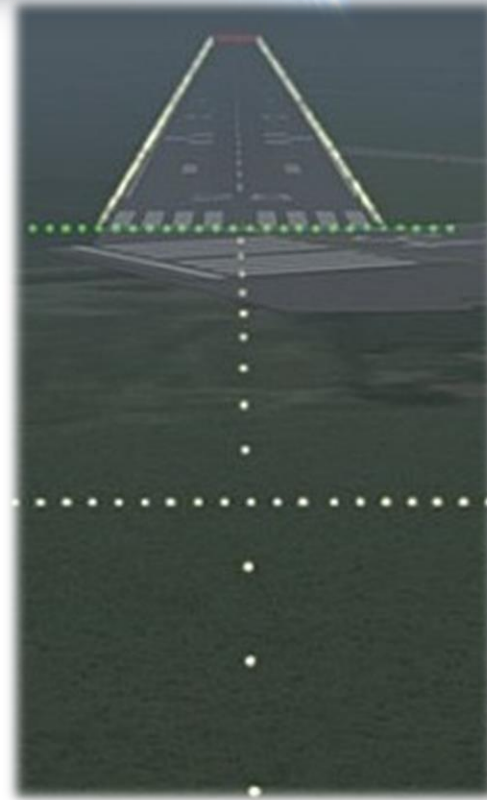
- Drone Permits issued for UAS
 - operations within the FRZ:
 - 2022 = 56
 - 2023 = 19
- Crane Permits issued (within 6km of the aerodrome):
 - 2022 = 22
 - 2023 = 6
- Ongoing discussion with MAA & CAA for the use of an upper portion Fleetlands ATZ
- Airspace Change Proposal for PBN - initial meeting held with CAA.



Airport Development



- Aeronautical Ground Lighting – AGL. Design finalised and ongoing dialogue with the CAA.
- Performance Based Navigation – PBN (GNSS). Initial meeting held with the CAA on 31st May, response was positive.
- Pavement repair program upcoming over the summer months
- Carbon Sustainability & Environmental, Social and Governance road map being developed to support Council Master Plan.



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Consultative Committee Update June 2023

