

## Goodwood Liaison

There has been one meeting since I took on this role in mid-January. In addition the Chair and I attended a briefing session arranged with the aerodrome on their history and operations. I have also received the file from my predecessor and skimmed through its contents. Finally I have sought to make contact with one resident who had been in contact with the Association over aircraft noise.

The meeting covered these points:

### Planning

Rolls-Royce will be applying for an extension to their plant for battery production. From informal guidance it seems likely that the council will be supportive.

The Goodwood estate was reviewing the draft local plan. While largely supportive it wanted some amendments to provide more “flexibility” in the relevant sections in the section specifically on the aerodrome and racetrack and some stronger recognition in the transport section.

They continue to resist an application adjacent to Madgwick Park that had been granted on appeal.

There was a report on **Section 52 compliance**. I noted the age of this agreement and its lack of any review for close on 40 years. The difficulty with this is that technologies, business balance and planning will change over such a lengthy period. The data provided showed 39493 movements in 2022, an increase of 663 over 2021. It was noted that the current restrictions didn't fully cover night activity.

On the **aerodrome update** Goodwood event dates were provided. For information these are:

- o Members Meeting 80 15-16 April
- o Festival of Speed 13-16 July
- o Qatar Goodwood Festival 01-05 August
- o Revival 08-10 September

The Northern helicopter circuit had been relaunched without complaint and there had been a successful trial of drones to track flight data. The demonstration did suggest a pretty accurate record of circuits could be kept.

The **complaint report** showed 36 aircraft-related complaints between October and December 2022. There was a discussion about how complaints were handled and it was clear that bulk submission of complaints were hard to pursue. A complaint should be made as soon as possible and with a time and any description for it to be pursued. I discussed at both meetings I attended how those with frequent complaints should be approached. Harvard and Spitfire complaints have been logged separately. There were 287 movements in the Oct-Dec quarter with one specific complaint reported.

### Some initial thoughts

1. The estate broadly is clearly economically important to the area and is likely to receive planning support.
2. The aerodrome and track require a variety of planning protections concerning both noise and safety which restrict development between the site and Summersdale. Many residents would welcome this effect.
3. The conditions under which the sites operate appear to be being complied with, but are somewhat dated. Should the estate make substantial planning proposals there should be an opportunity to revisit those.
4. Complaints are relatively few, but that could be for a variety of reasons other than general satisfaction.