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AWDM/0018/23 | Extension of airport apron, use of spoil to relevel land and relocation of existing grass helicopter landing pad. | Shoreham Airport Cecil Pashley Way Lancing West Sussex BN43 5FF

Dear Adur Planning,

These are our comments which were to have been made at the planning meeting on the 6th March when the decision was made to defer and not consider this application awaitng further evidence. These comments are still relevant.

We most strongly object to this application and the lack of duty of care for the impact it will have on the 15 families on the Withy Community site within New Monks Farm development.

Since transferring to this new County owned site over 2 years ago, Withy community is experiencing significant and worsening problems which are severely affecting their well being and quality of life.

The failure of Adur authority to even consult with them in a timely manner on this application just adds to their stress, frustration and feelings of marginalisation.

Letters dated 22nd February were only received the 2nd March.

The location of the existing flight paths and practice landing pad for helicopters is already causing totally unacceptable noise levels and safety concerns for them. adding to the worsening problems they are already experiencing.

At an on site, daytime meeting last year Mr Freeman experienced just those problems. The noise from low flying helicopters was unbelievable. Conversation had to cease repeatedly until a helicopter was clear of the area.

That latest proposed flight plan in the officer's addendum will in no way help this problem.

Withy residents will now have, not one, but two legs of the circuit either side of them at estimated distances of less the 500 feet and 200 feet from the site. And these problems are daytime problems as much as night time problems whatever restrictions are agreed on this re-routing.

It is still unclear whether this latest plan is only for use when the 06/24 runway is in operation or is it the one and only route for helicopters - training or otherwise? If it's for full time use - even worse!

The Whiskey and November pads shown on the plan in red - which of these is intended for the enlarged site 3 pad? Either will noise impact Withy Park.

Helicopter operators have yet to agree this plan and surely should there be an approval sought from the Civil Aviation Authority?

Sussex Pad hamlet appears also to be close to the circuit – should not those residents and the College's Little Lancing School be consulted?

Noise pollution is in the guidance of Environmental Health. we strongly request those officers visit the site to understand first hand this level of noise pollution. And, while there, to respond to Ward Cllr Cowen's earlier request for their visit, take stock of the growing environmental health issues these council tax paying members of our community are dealing with.

Due to the lack of proper and timely consultation with Withy families and the lack of a thorough noise impact assessment on Withy site - we firmly ask members to defer their decision.

Until those requirements are fully addressed and a fully evidenced scheme with all stakeholder approvals - including Helicopter operators and the County Council the Withy site owner - only then should it come back to committee for proper consideration.

A final point.. When runway 24 is in use and the new housing for New Monks Farm is completed/occupied, there will be no area for emergency drop down as there is now,

other than the built up area for that development. Should that also be considered?

Bill Freeman

Adur Residents Environmental Action

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