Incredibly; TAG are back again demanding to increase flights at Farnborough International Airport by 79%!

UP from 5,000 to 8,900 over the Weekends and Bank Holidays. UP from 28,000 to 50,000 overall.

Time is very short – if you want to object, you need to do so now. Even if you objected to the previous planning applications you will need to do so again now as this is considered a new matter. The deadline for registering your feelings to Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) is the 27th July 2009 – only days away.

To help you we have attached an objection notice (containing the correct reference details) to this pamphlet which you will need to tear off and post to the address on the reverse. Alternatively you can email plan@rushmoor.gov.uk quoting planning ref 09/00313/REVPP (you must include your name and address for verification).

If you’d prefer to pen your own objection then please do so; a reasoned and personal argument may carry more weight, just please do it before the deadline, quote the reference and include your name and address!

TAG have the support of the local MP and pilot, Gerald Howarth who has described local affected residents as “Ignorant” - News Group 16th Oct 2006. Aligned with Gerald and TAG are the UK Government, aviation lobbyists and TAG’s powerful foreign investors. But you’re not completely alone – many of the regional Residents Associations, Parish, Borough and County Councils for miles around share your concerns.

Nevertheless, only a clear sign from the local ratepayers to RBC stands a chance of stopping TAG. Don’t miss the deadline, Object today.
Our response to popular arguments:

The RAF were noisier so what's the problem?

The RAF rarely flew outside of normal working hours. Apart from the impact upon schools, military flying was not a major issue.

Farnborough is the home of British aviation history; without TAG it’ll be lost.

TAG is a business like any other so if they don’t like it they can make way for another operator who can work with the public. Museums are the accepted place for keeping history and we have two very good ones locally – a strip of tarmac isn’t history but it might be a terrible future.

Airport growth is vital for the Airshow and the Olympics 2012.

The future of the Airshow has been assured by the current planning permission. Use of Farnborough for ‘Olympic’ traffic can be accommodated outside of the planning permission – just as is used by the UK and foreign governments now.

The local and UK economy needs TAG in Farnborough.

But the current balance between the benefits and disadvantages massively swings against them if levels of flying were to exceed the current economically viable, level. “The Government, aided by the aviation industry, is perpetrating a hoax that airport expansion is vital to the economy” – Brendon Sewill, Aviation Environment Federation. Also, whilst RBC gains revenue from TAG; ratepayers in Hart, Waverley, Surrey Heath & Guildford Boroughs get no contribution.

Pollution is minimal, stop moaning.

The noise pollution from aircraft taking off and landing is arguably the most frustrating as it is constantly variable in pitch, longevity and frequency meaning that it can never become background noise. “Aviation is the most highly polluting transport mode on earth – Children in schools or homes under the flight path can chronically under-perform – noise is not just irritating; it is a serious health risk too” Dr. Caroline Lucas MEP. “Aircraft emissions in the upper atmosphere have over three times the impact on climate change” – International Panel on Climate Change.