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Farnborough Airspace Consultation  
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Dear Sirs

### **Farnborough Airspace Consultation**

I am writing to convey my views on the above consultation.

To put into context, as MP for South West Surrey, a significant part of the airspace under consultation over flies my constituency. As a result I have been contacted by a large number of constituents who have requested that I carefully consider the proposals made by TAG Farnborough and respond with my own views via the consultation.

Whilst I of course understand the requirements of TAG Farnborough to improve aviation safety and indeed cater to their needs as a local business I would like to state that I am entirely against the changes currently proposed.

Having studied the plans and the documentation available online and liaised with Waverley Borough Councillors who have been in contact with residents and attended the recent public meeting, one of my main concerns is that of the increase in noise and the consequential impact on residents who live immediately under the proposed flight paths. It is totally unacceptable for these residents, particularly those who reside in Tilford, Elstead and North Farnham areas, to have to endure what appears to be a proposed increase in flights in excess of one take-off and landing per hour and scheduled during times which would have an undoubted detrimental effect to the enjoyment of their properties and outside spaces, for example the noise generated during the evening with an increase in flights scheduled between 5pm – 8pm.

I would ask as a minimum that you revisit the plans and institute a clear and defined timetable of respite to those areas which, under the new plans, would expect a higher volume of flights overhead and introduce regular and frequent variations to the proposed routes. In addition I would ask you to consider varying the approaches across these areas and perhaps introduce an 'alternate weekend' plan, for example.

Finally I would like to register the numerous complaints and concerns of constituents regarding the consultation process itself. Many have found the documents to view and respond to as found on the TAG Farnborough website as being highly technical and the questions posed as not being entirely impartial. I would request that following the reporting back of the analysis of the responses received by 12<sup>th</sup> May there will be a further round of consultation taken place when the new routes are confirmed and that it will be conducted in a way which is publicised well to all affected and easily understood by those who have little or no technical understanding.

I would appreciate receiving the report produced following the analysis of the consultation responses and that I receive responses to the specific issues I have raised above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Hunt', written in a cursive style.

**Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP**  
Member of Parliament for South West Surrey