

ESHOTT AIRFIELD COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP (CLG)

FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025

MEETING NOTES

Present:

Northumberland County Council (NCC)

Thirston Parish Council (TPC)

Eshott Airfield (EA)

Note:

Felton Parish Council (FPC) were available but unable to join the MS Teams call. EA to resolve MS Teams issue for next meeting.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Terms of reference

The group discussed final amendments to the terms of reference to make it clear that the group is for the benefit of the community and the airfield, that any complaints regarding the airfield should be directed to the airfield and that the terms of reference and meeting notes would be made available on the airfield's website.

Planning application for new operations centre

EA will work through the consultee comments as one will impact the another. Any changes could be dealt with by amendment to the plan which may require the delegated decision to be extended. The general feeling from the community is that they are satisfied that a planning application has been submitted.

Signage

A medical emergency onsite in 2024 highlighted the need for better signage from the A1. The group discussed contacts to progress.

Waste Treatment Plant

EA has a contractor ready to install the waste treatment plant as required by the planning condition for the café planning approval. There will be a delay in work going ahead as

funding is being sought. A condition of the funding is that work cannot start until a funding decision has been made.

Car park resurfacing

Funding is also being sought to resurface the car park. There is the potential to reconfigure the car park layout on the existing footprint which may require a non-material amendment.

Events

There is the potential for a fly-in event in the summer. The number of aircraft flying in would be managed. Early discussions are happening around logistics, facilities, catering and entertainment. Once decisions are made, EA will keep CLG and the community informed.

Management Plan

The group discussed the management plan and the CLG's role which could be a discussion point for the next CLG meeting.

Date of next meeting

16 April 2025