Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Forrest.
Residents: approx. 110

What was talked about?

Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr Seán Woodward gave a presentation providing a brief history of Daedalus, the developments since the Council published its vision for Daedalus in 2015 and the Council’s priorities for the next 3-5 years.

Questions:

Q: Cllr John Beavis (Gosport - Lee West) – Congratulations for your achievements, wish we could do the same at Gosport. I am concerned about the possibility of the strategic gap being filled with housing either side of Newgate Lane.

A: No housing whatsoever on Fareham’s part of Daedalus. I can’t give you assurance on other parts of the Borough. We now have top down housing figures, 2,000 on top of our need. I can’t pre-judge where it will go. We will consult on our Draft Local Plan later in the year.

Q: Will there be commercial aviation between here and the Channel Islands?
A: That is no further forward now than when we had talks with a potential operator 2 years ago. They need to get their licenses sorted.

Q: What is the future of big hangars like Overlord?
A: They are owned by Gosport.

Cllr John Beavis (Gosport – Lee West) – Ownership is to go to Marine Concepts - Overlord will come down with a brand-new hangar being built. It will be a training site for boat builders.

Q: What happens if there is a serious accident on the airfield?
A: We have fire crew and equipment on site. Regional & City Airports have contingency plans in place in case of accidents.

Q: What’s happening with the Stubbington bypass?
A: All planning consents are in place plus funding but there has been 1 objector. The Department for Transport has held a public inquiry. It should start this year, but it depends on when the decision comes out from the inquiry.

Q: We are looking forward to the D-Day event.
Q: What is the total number of movements proposed?
A: The number of movements 4 years ago was 20,000, it is now 30,000 (a movement - could be a touch and go). Search and Rescue doesn’t count. Planning consent is for 40,000 movements, so a further increase of a third can happen.

Q: What time will flights finish?
A: Opening times are constrained by daylight. Latest in summer is at 8pm. There is a very small scope for night time flying. Lighting will be on the ground and will not spill out of the airport.

Q: Concerns with freight planes being dirty and flying late.
A: We don’t handle freight nor are we going to, they aircraft are too large.

Q: Any idea on when the county is opening the new through road into Stubbington lane?
A: The road is finished but Hampshire must go through the adoption process - it should be ready within the next few months.

Q: Night time flying – will lights on runway extend it beyond 9 o’clock?
A: No.

Q: Worried about the new taxiway.
A: The new taxiway will service the new hangars if we build them. We want to have a taxiway to make it safer for new hangars. Aircraft won’t take off from there.

Q: What is the new hangar near Gosport Road?
A: It is one of the IFA2 building’s steel frames.

Q: You indicated that you could extend the runway by 100 yards. Is it an error to put the bypass there because it could be extended further?
A: The runway is on Daedalus land. We don’t want overly large aircraft, so we won’t extend it beyond the Daedalus boundary.

Q: Our house borders Daedalus and blue fencing goes all around the compound, but we have an old concrete fence.
A: We are looking at boundaries, so we could maybe do something with it.

Q: How many new jobs are being created?
A: 650 on our part of the Solent Enterprise Zone. The business rate relief has run out and there has been no mass exodus. No new businesses are getting it, but they are still moving in.

Q: Extension to runway - wont that mean they fly over the play area?
A: No - it won’t be on the flight path.
Q: What percentage of local people are getting the jobs?
A: We don’t have the information. We get jobs counts regularly but employers don’t have a duty to tell us.

Q: Does the Council encourage local people in jobs?
A: We do where we can. We must remember many people travel out of Gosport to work.

Q: Land by Crofton Avenue - what are the plans once the IFA2 cables are laid?
A: There are 4 parcels of land; 2 at the north are housing, 1 at the south will be open space and the other grazing land.

Q: The roads after all the heavy lorries for IFA2 are looking bad.
A: IFA2 will ensure they are returned to a good state once finished.

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