

Farnborough: Phase One



Farnborough Airport had been a military installation for many decades serving as part of the UK air defence network of operational MOD aerodromes.

The airport is strategically placed to the south west of London and within a short car journey of Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

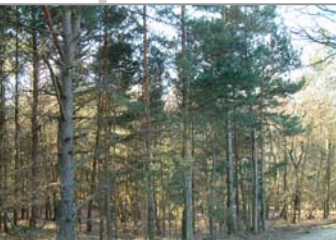


The British Government had determined to dispose of the Airfield and to allow the facility to become a business hub for European and world-wide business travel service. TAG Aviation (part of the TAG business group) was chosen to operate the facility as a civil airport. Operation of the site as a civil airport requires that an Airfield Certificate is issued by the CAA once all targets penetrating safety surfaces are removed or dealt with.



Landscape Planning Ltd were appointed to manage all Environmental issues associated with take off and landing safety surfaces in respect of Woodland, Tree Preservation Orders, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, Ecology, Arboriculture, Landscape Planning and the submission of Statements to Rushmoor Borough Council, Hart District Council, English Nature, the Forestry Authority and many NGOs associated with procedural requirements for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The site was subject to severe take-off and landing infringements involving heathland, woodland, a canal side SSSI and many targets within Farnborough Town the subject of Tree Preservation Orders.



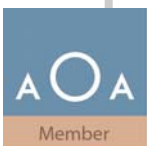
We were responsible for surveying all trees and woodlands, all landscape proposals and consultation with statutory and NGO consultees.

The team also, during the main work programme, had to deal with all of the impacts of an operational army tank testing track, closed seasons between March and September for endangered birds, stop periods whilst the new James Bond movie was being shot, a closed area awaiting jury visit for a murder trial, the running of a College of Technology and work outside term time and within term periods.

The site is now 98% target clear and a major scheme of heathland restoration proposed and planned by our company has been implemented.

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