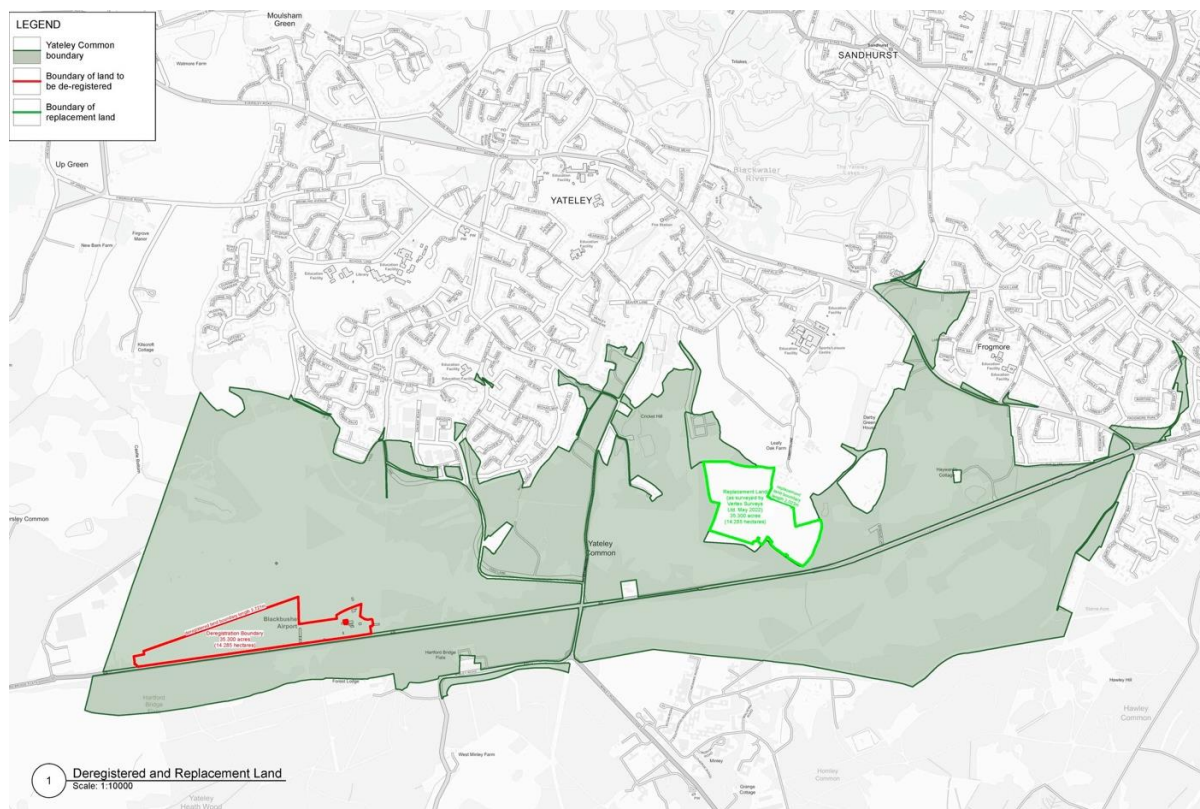


Yateley Common Management Committee Update – July 2024

Chris Gazzard, Managing Director. Report compiled Wednesday 26th June 2024

1. FINAL CONSULTATION REPRESENTATIONS

On Tuesday 2nd January 2024, Blackbushe Airport submitted an application pursuant to Section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 to deregister approximately 35.3 acres of the active aerodrome from Yateley Common, and replace with 35.3 acres of land at Cottage Farm, Yateley.



Our Public Consultation ran to Friday 16th February 2024. We've now received all responses (including those which were sent directly to PINS and did not copy us).

FORMAT	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	OBJECT	TOTAL
Webform	416	1	8	425
Email	50	7	21	78
Total	466	8	29	503

Five residents of properties which hold common rights responded, four objected, and one "nervously supported" the application.

We received neutral responses from Hampshire County Council, Open Spaces Society, Natural England, Historic England, and Yateley Society.

Whilst we received a staggering amount of support for the proposals, the objections raised some issues, some of which can be addressed by alterations to some of the documents, such as the Section 106, or the Environmental Management Plan.

2. APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTEES

We were invited to respond to the consultee's representations which we did on 28th March. This included updates to some of the documents above to incorporate or address the points raised during consultation. This response and the appendices can be seen here: <https://www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/landexchange>

We then received second representations from Peter Tipton and the Yateley Society on 23rd May 2024. We were given until 13th June 2024 to respond. We did so on the 7th June 2024, and documents are hosted on the link above. We believe at this point there is little further need for ongoing rounds of representations, and are keen for PINS to move forward with scheduling a hearing or public inquiry. They have already confirmed the decision will not be made based on the papers alone.

We will continue to update our website as the application progresses.

3. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE S106 AGREEMENT FOR COTTAGE FARM

We've had discussions with HCC to refine the language of this agreement in accordance with their comments. We also want to reassure the public that of course BAL are covering the costs of HCC with respect to the application, and this is done in accordance with a costs undertaking in the normal way.

4. FIRES IN THE OPEN

Blackbushe firefighters have responded to several small fires in the open, particularly on the land east of the kart track. This area typically sees more antisocial behaviour with small encampments and fire pits being created. Please remember to be vigilant in this area, and report it to the airport on 01252 471 300 if you see anything.

As always, if you see anything on the Blackbushe part of the common that needs attention, you can contact admin@blackbusheairport.co.uk. The area we own includes both the red and yellow areas:



**The next Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee Meeting is:
Tuesday 17th September at 19:00.
Venue: Pathfinder Café, Blackbushe Airport.**