

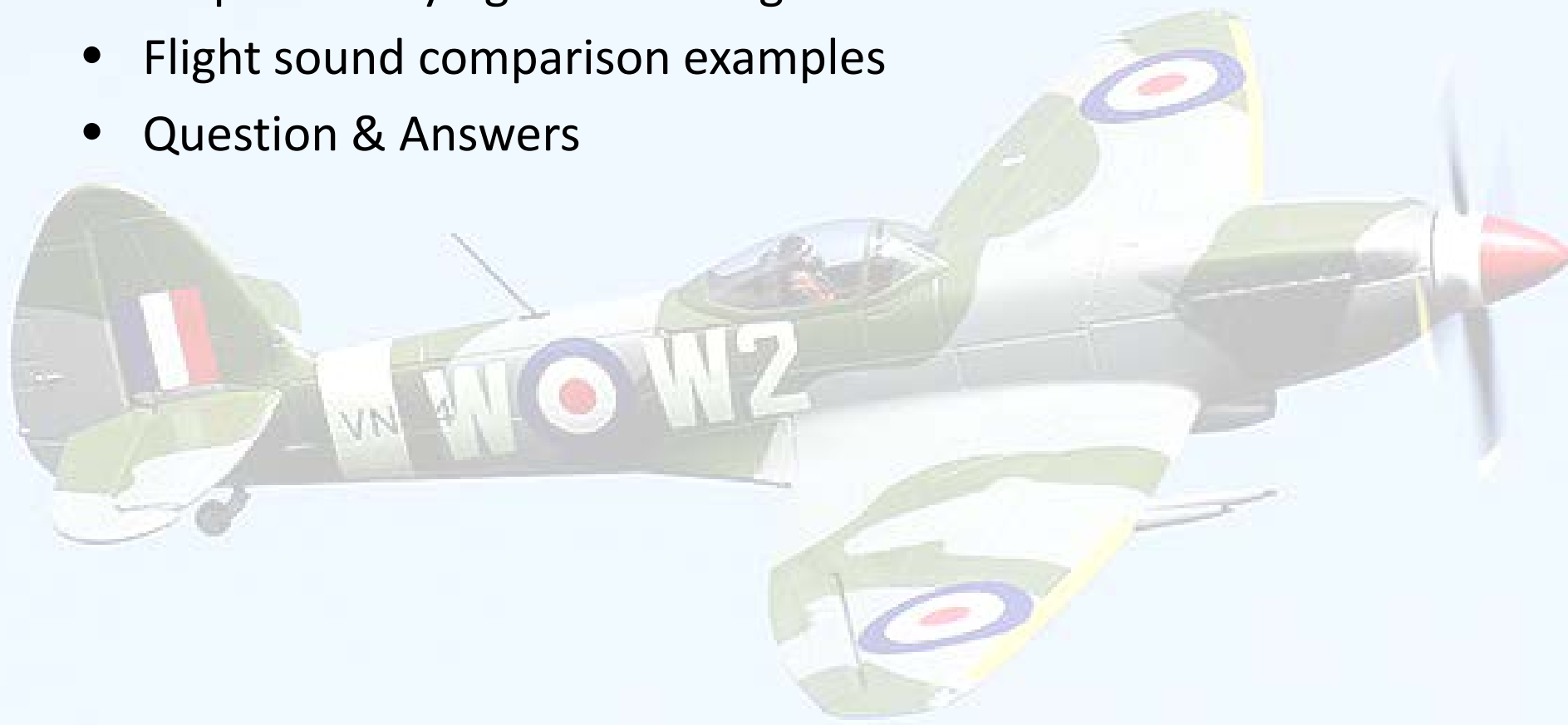


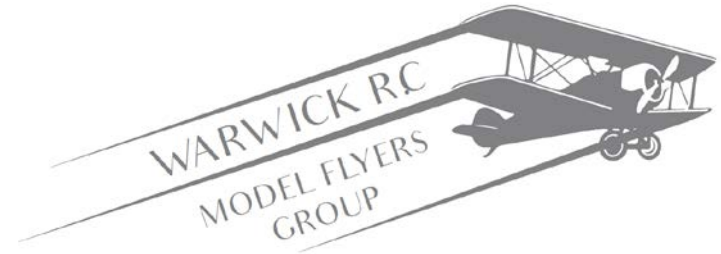
## WDC – FSML Working Party Meeting - October 2017



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Answers to Public comments
- Requested Flying hours changes
- Flight sound comparison examples
- Question & Answers





- WRCMFG take our hobby very seriously – after all, we do not wish to see our favourite planes damaged. For Insurance, we are requested to have a minimum cover of £5 million, however, we all covered by the BMFA, with civil liability up to £25 Million per claim

- We recognise we have a duty of care to other users of SML – clear audible instructions are given for both take off and landing. Pre flight checks are made. An observer is present.

- Health & safety is one of our key Objectives. All flight times, any incidents and weather and airstrip conditions are logged, after each daily session.

- 99.9% of all planes flown at SML are now electrically powered – resulting in none of the noise issues of old.

- Children, walkers and dog owners alike, are always welcomed as long as they show the same consideration as WRCMFG does.

**3 x only Comments made on WDC 10 year plan Public questionnaire re. Model Flying at Warwick**

**COMMENT 1:** 'Model planes – need strict guidelines and policing to avoid discouraging wildlife, esp. skylarks

**RESPONSE:** Whilst respecting the needs of wild life, we also need to recognise other 'needs'

a) Planes have flown at SML for 90 years, meaning:

- \* The birds should be well used to model planes by now. We are not there all hours / every day
- \* We are under the main flight path for Birmingham Airports large jets
- \* We are under flight paths from both Coventry & Wellesbourne for smaller and lower flying aircraft
- \* We see birds of prey hovering, in hunting mode, over the field regularly i.e. Kestrels....our planes cannot hover
- \* We also see large birds of prey from the castle, buzzards from surrounding trees and latterly, many sea birds circling. These all cast a shadow in bright sunlight.

b) We, the tax paying Public have recreational needs.

- I love flying, but personally am not interested in Horse Racing, Football & Golf
- We all need to recognise and respect each others passions, hobbies and activities



**COMMENT 2:** 'My priorities are the 'wild' areas to be preserved for biodiversity, + the footpath cycle tracks. Not so keen on hotel, sports and model flying.'

**RESPONSE:** As said, this land is for everyone - we must learn to respect each others activities.

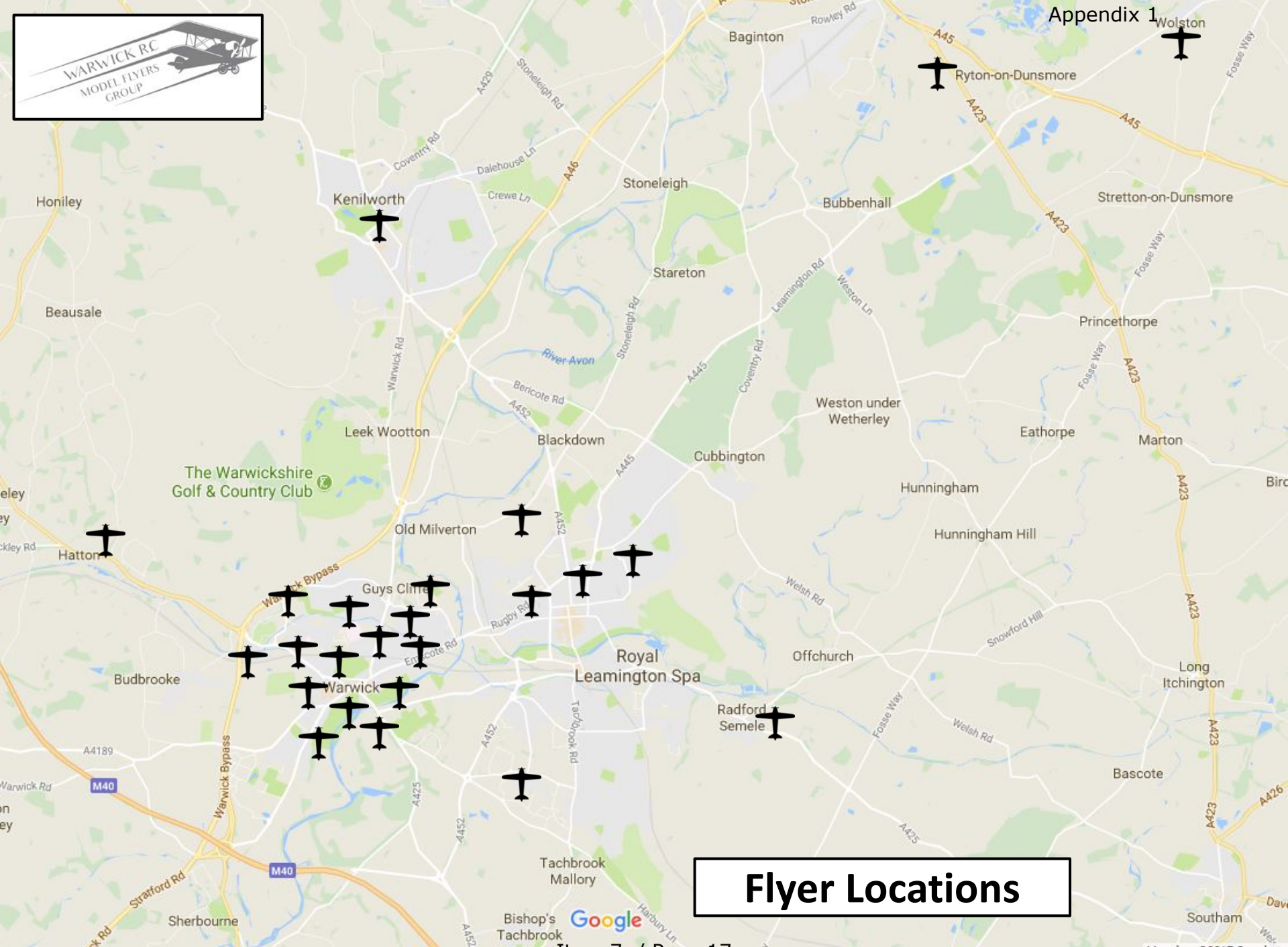
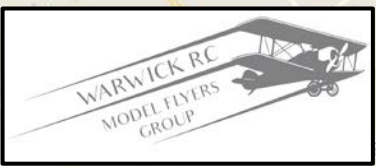
**COMMENT 3:** 'I have no objection to the proposals save for "addressing the "needs" of the model aeroplane flyers" for an improved grassed take off / landing strip. **NOISE!** If you won't ban flying, please, please dramatically reduce the noise level. Why cater for a minority at the expense of the majority, also that minority are not local residents / Council Tax Payers.'

**RESPONSE:**

- \* The surface improvements (i.e. Mowing) are a small cost, and vital in terms of H&S for safe takeoff and landings.
- \* A Public common should cater for the needs of the various group activities.
- \* The NOISE level spoken about appears to come from ill informed sources who have no idea, of the now classed 'Silent Flight' aircraft, now flown on SML
- \* We regard the comment about local non tax paying residents as inflammatory and this requires substantiation.  
Recently, I discovered that the few that complain most have not ventured over to the flying field in years... the years when noisy I.C. planes were in abundance. Our own survey shows local attendance (see next slide)

**WRCMFG welcomes anyone with doubts as regards to noise, to come over, watch the flying and see for themselves**





# Flyer Locations

# Requested Changes to Flying Hours

Information from the BMFA regarding adherence to the Code of Practice on noise from model aircraft 1982.

quote:

*'When defining Model aircraft, the Code states in paragraph 4.1(b) : there are many types of model aircraft, and several of these are either silent or powered by rubber or electric motors, noise form which is insignificant. this Code is not concerned with them. It is therefore sensible, when making a planning application for models powered by IC ( i.e. Fuel) engines, to ask that silent flight models be allowed to fly for 7 days a week without restriction'*

- Leaving rubber power aside, It can be noted that the Code was written in 1982 and that, with the exception of Gliders & Rubber powered planes, only noisy IC engines were available.
- Today, we that fly regularly at Warwick, fly only gliders or electric powered planes. It is a great shame that during this Summer, it would have been possible to have flown 'quietly' up to 9pm, the later hours being cooler.
- This of course also benefits the 'full time working contingency' who currently find it difficult to get home from work, charge up batteries and get to the field, in time for a decent flying session.
- As a group, we are almost 99.9% electric powered, actively dissuading I.C. Flight. In fact we have knowledge of flyers who have swapped out their I.C. engines for electric motors.
- Note: We are only requesting a move back to the previous permitted flying hours, that were changed due to noise issues and complaints.





# Flying hours - REVISION PROPOSAL



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Dear Mr Barton,

### Flying hours for Quiet/Silent Flight model aircraft

Further to our conversation yesterday with regard to the above.

I understand that the restrictions applied to your permitted hours of operation for your flying site were perhaps imposed on the basis of mitigating any potential nuisance caused by the noise emitted from your aircraft.

There is a specific code of practice issued by the Department of the Environment for the minimisation of noise from model aircraft. This is the standard guidance which we provide to our Clubs and Members and it is also the code of practice used by Local Authorities and Landowners. It is printed in full within the BMFA Members Handbook (available on the website).

This code of practice specifically states (4.1 b) that "there are many types of model aircraft and several of these are either silent or powered by rubber or electric motors, noise from which is insignificant". The Code goes on to say that it is not concerned with these.

I can confirm that the BMFA does support the appropriate use of restricted hours of operation for noisier models powered by internal combustion engines, but we also strongly support increased or unrestricted hours of operation for quiet/silent aircraft which do not present any noise nuisance.

Many of our Affiliated Clubs operate in exactly this way and we hope that the Local Authority/landowner dealing with your group will be amenable to this approach.

If there is anything which we can do to assist you or any or the other parties involved, then please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

Dave Phipps  
 Chief Executive

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- This letter clarifies the BMFA's official definition of 'Silent Flight'

- The proposals for change overleaf are shown as 'current' on the left, and 'proposed' on the right.

- The last line in 'Rules of Flying', relates to Internal Combustion Engine Fuel Planes, therefore has been amended. (in red)

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We have two sites where you are welcome to fly model aircraft, one at Warwick Racecourse and one at [Newbold Comyn](#).

These sites are both used by other visitors as well and flyers are expected to behave in a way that does not unduly disturb other users of the site or nearby residents. We have set out some rules that are designed to ensure the safety of everyone visiting the area and the comfort of nearby residents, whilst still allowing model flyers to enjoy their hobby. If you fly on one of our sites you must adhere to the rules below.

### Rules of flying

- Flying should take place only within the flying areas shown on the plans below. Flyers must make every effort to ensure that models do not stray beyond this.
- These are public areas and flyers must give priority to other visitors at all times
- All flyers must be current members of the British Model Flyers Association (BMFA) and covered by a minimum of £5 million public liability insurance. Evidence of BMFA membership must be available for inspection by Council Officers at all times whilst flying
- Only models of less than 7kg may be flown
- Flyers must at all times comply with Civil Aviation Authority's Air Navigation Order and code of practice CAP 658 "Model Aircraft: A Guide to Safe Flying"
- All models flown must be fitted with an appropriate silencer and operated in a manner which minimises the potential to cause noise nuisance. Flyers causing a noise nuisance to neighbouring residents may be asked to cease flying

### Flying times

Flying may only take place during the following times:

- Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays): 10:00am to 7:00pm
- Weekends and bank holidays: 11:00am to 4:00pm

### Additional restrictions at Warwick Race Course

At Warwick Race Course the following additional restrictions on flying times apply:

- On Wednesdays and Sundays only silent flight is permitted - no powered flight
- Flying is not permitted during race meetings

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### Flying times – 'Silent Flight' only

Flying may only take place during the following times:

- Monday to Friday 10am to 9pm (or dusk, whichever is sooner)
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Thank you for your kind attention

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Questions please