

Protecting assets

Safeguarding and Communicating

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Major planning threats

Last twelve months:

- Nine wind turbine applications close to clubs
- Two solar farm applications close to clubs
- Fifteen non-threatening turbines
- Two other types of planning threat

What are the Club's assets?

'Hard assets'

Facilities



What are the Club's assets?

'Hard assets'

Equipment



What are the Club's assets?

'Living assets'

People!



What are the Club's assets?

'Soft assets'

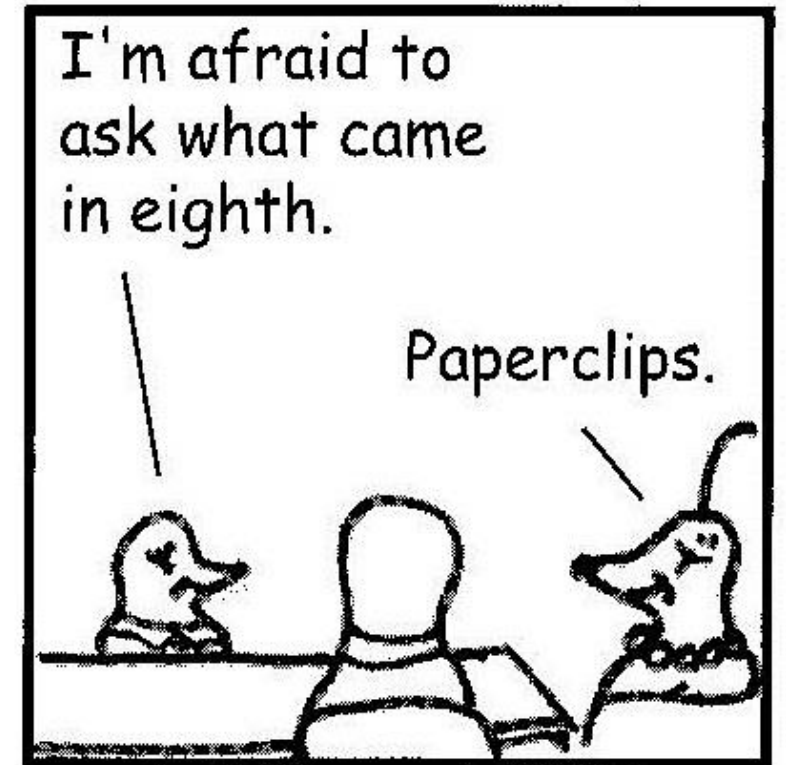
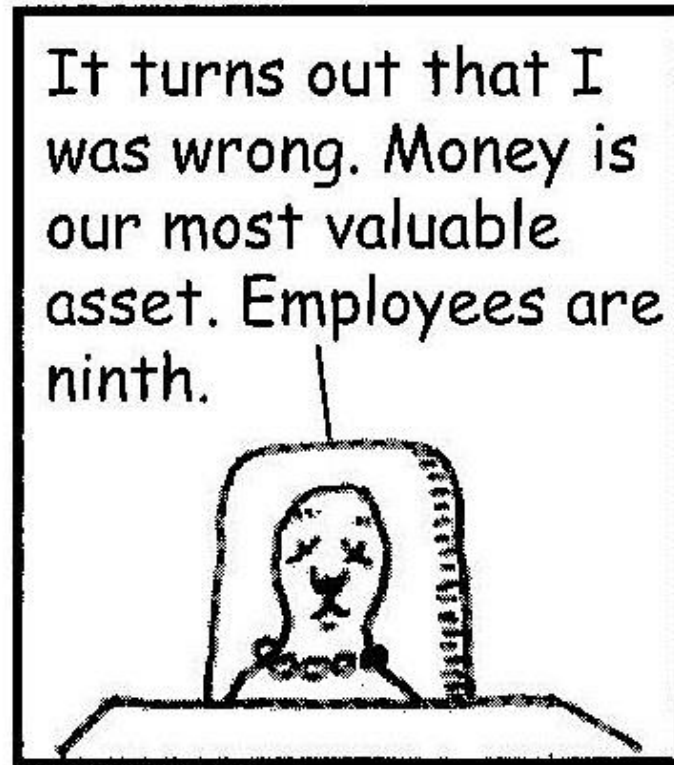
Reputation

Knowledge

Contacts



The most important assets



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- People
- Airspace
- Airfield

Airfield and Airspace

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Who?

What is Safeguarding?

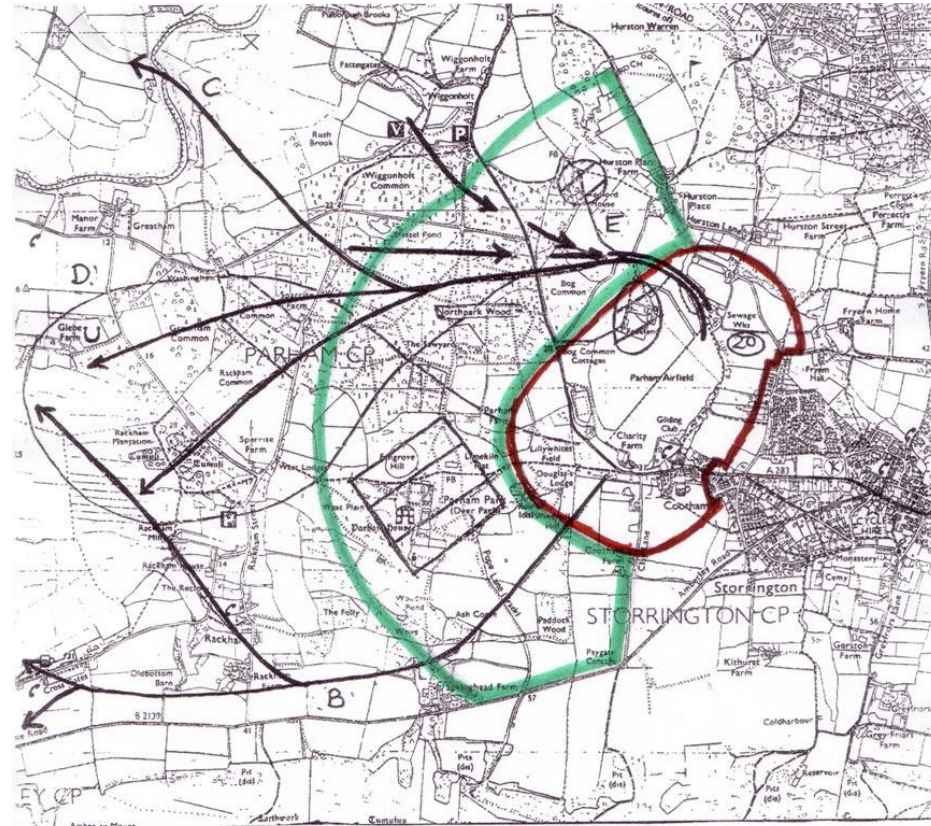
A mechanism to

- Provide information about potential developments near your site
- Give a possibility of some protection against unwanted developments

What is Safeguarding?

- A map or plan lodged with the relevant planning authority
- A public document

Example Safeguarding Map



SPECIMEN AERODROME SAFEGUARDING MAP FOR PARHAM

KEY: RED ZONE 0-500m Consult > 4m
GREEN ZONE 500-1,600m Consult > 10 m.

How do we get safeguarding?

- Talk to your Local Planning Authority
- Create a map showing the area needing protection around your site and the ideal maximum height of developments
- Agree the map with the LPA
- Advice is available!

What happens after that?

- ☺ The planning authority *should* notify the airfield operator of any planning applications that fall within the 'safeguarded area'
- ☹ They don't always
- ☹ By the time the planning application is lodged, the developer's plans are well advanced
- ☺ Developers *may* avoid planning applications that could cause problems to airfield operations
- ☹ They may not

So The message is



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You need to communicate!



Communicating

Who with?

- Local Planning authority
- Local grapevine, local papers, neighbours
- BGA
- Your own members
- Developers

Local Planning Authority and Framework

- Statutory requirement to develop local plans
- Local planning policy and development framework for up to 15 years
- Developed through local consultation
- Must be taken into account in planning decisions

Local Plan and Aerodrome Safeguarding

- **Get involved!**
- Get your airfield and safeguarding plan included in the Local Plan
- Ask to be listed as a non statutory consultee
- Review the draft plan at each formal consultation stage
- Developers aware of the existence of airfield and safeguarding
- Club is in a stronger position

Local grapevine, local papers, neighbours

- Watch the press and local noticeboards
- Eavesdrop in your local pub
- Keep in touch with neighbours

BGA

- BGA website – club management section - documents
- BGA Development team
- Involve us in good time and keep us informed
- Ask for
 - Advice
 - Letters in support
 - Contacts for specialist advisers
 - Financial support may be available – Planning & Environment Fund

BGA Wind turbine policy

- To establish a practical and credible approach to wind turbine developments
- Plus guidelines to help clubs to respond to developments that may threaten airfields
- Also relevant to other developments
- Small working group
- Still being drafted

Your members

- Is a development a threat to you?
- Consult and think carefully before responding to developments
- Agree your responses to planning applications
- Keep the members informed

Developers

- No – don't scream in horror!
- They may be flexible
- They may offer alternative options
- But it won't happen if you won't talk to them

After planning application

- Whether approved or rejected
 - Let us have the details ...
 - So that we can build up our knowledge ...
 - To help other clubs ...

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Comments?

Questions?