



All-Party Parliamentary Group on General Aviation

Minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 2019

In attendance

Grant Shapps MP (Chair)

Sir Roger Gale MP (President)

Lord Kirkhope

Lord Balfe

Lord Rotherwick

Steve Double MP

Sir Christopher Chope MP

Sir Henry Bellingham MP

Andrew Mitchel MP

Jack Lopresti MP

Alberto Costa MP

James Duddridge MP

Damian Moore MP

Giles Watling MP

Nigel Huddleston MP

Sir James Gray MP

Sheryll Murray MP

David Davis MP

Nigel Mills MP

Martin Vickers MP

Robert Courts MP

Rupa Huq MP

John Stevenson MP

Baroness Vere (Aviation Minister)

Meeting opened

- The Chair welcomed all members present to the meeting.

Update on APPG's recent activities

- The Chair explained that the APPG now had 222 parliamentary members, across both Houses and all political parties.

- The Chair briefed members on the APPG's achievements over the last year, including changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and undertakings from HM Treasury to look at VAT on flight training.

Presentation of the Lord Kirkhope Inquiry into Lower Airspace

- Lord Kirkhope updated the group on the conclusion of the inquiry he chaired which reviewed the processes associated with airspace change in the UK. Copies of the final report were distributed to members.
- The report concluded that the airspace design system is 'unfit for purpose at every level'.
- Gifts were presented to panellists in recognition of their work in gathering evidence for the report.

Update from the Department for Transport

- Aviation Minister spoke to the group, updating them on the progress of the upcoming Aviation White Paper.

General discussion

- A general discussion related to how aviation can be supported to provide high skilled jobs and innovate towards green technology took place.

Any Other Business

- Nil

Meeting adjourned.

A reception for APPG members and the aviation sector then took place.