

The Helicopter Noise Liaison group meet in March and October at RAF Shawbury. At this meeting councillors are informed of the number of complaints received by RAF Shawbury and the location of these complaints.

Our area is identified as LFA 9. LFA meaning Low Flying Area. The main areas used for training helicopter pilots are Tern Hill, Chetwynd, Nesscliffe and Sleep. In addition to these there are 79 fields that the RAF has permission from the landowners to use.

At RAF Shawbury there is now a new training facility where there are additional classrooms and ground based training equipment like simulators. The old Squirrel helicopter has now been replaced by the much quieter Juno helicopter.

Councillors who attend these meetings are always encouraged to pass on information in relation to events in their Parish. Before take off aircrew are briefed of local events like weddings, funerals, fetes and parades and thus minimise disturbance in that area if possible. Please let RAF Shawbury know of any such events.