

## OPERATIONAL NOTICE (OPNOT)

OPNOT 2026-02

Chipmunk Fly In

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**OPNOT CLEARED FOR ALL  
AIRPORT USERS**

### 1. Introduction

A Chipmunk Fly-In is scheduled from Thursday 21 May 2026 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, with Chipfest taking place Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will result in significant disruption to normal operations.

### 2. Background

The event marks the 80th anniversary of the first Chipmunk flight. A high volume of traffic is expected, including up to 65 aircraft on Friday 22 May 2026, with additional arrivals and departures across the event period.

### 3. Operations

**Significant disruption is expected, particularly on Friday 22 May. All pilots must familiarise themselves with this OPNOT prior to operating**

#### Aircraft Parking

Grass Runway 10/28 and the Western Grass Area will be utilised for Chipmunk parking. All aircraft currently parked on the Western Grass must be relocated by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 evening.

The Main Apron may be used as overflow parking. Residents are therefore requested not to park on the Main Apron during this period.

Parking Allocation:

- **Western Grass** – Reserved for Chipmunk aircraft participating in formation flying.
- **Grass Runway 10/28 (Northern Grass)** – Reserved for static Chipmunk aircraft.

Chipmunk aircraft will receive general parking instructions from Air Traffic Services upon arrival. A designated marshaller will be present on **Friday 22 May** to assist.

Aircraft parking on the western grass will enter via Taxiway Alpha.

Aircraft parking on grass runway 10/28 (Northern Grass) will enter by vacating Runway 10/28 via Taxiway Charlie.

Refer to Appendix A for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Appendix B for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Up to **35 aircraft arrivals** are expected throughout the day. While only limited restrictions are in place, circuit congestion should be anticipated.

### Formation Departure (15:00L – 16:00L)

A formation departure of up to 30 aircraft is scheduled.

The formation will depart the ATZ as quickly as possible; however, delays should be expected.

### Return of Formation Aircraft (16:00L – 17:00L)

The aircraft will return in staggered small groups, integrating with existing traffic.

Circuit activity is expected to be busy; circuit training is discouraged during this period.

### Additional Restrictions

**No student pilots will be allowed to fly from 15:00L on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026.**

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### General Restrictions

- **No departures permitted before 12:30L.**
- **No circuit activity permitted between 14:30L and 17:00L.**
- **No visitor arrivals permitted without a pre-booked slot.**
- **Student pilot flying is suspended for the entire day.**

### Initial Arrivals of Aircraft

There are up to 65 aircraft arriving on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Most visitor arrivals are between 08:15L and 12:30L.

The aerodrome will be licensed from 08:00L, with enhanced Air Traffic and RFFS resourcing.

### Slot System

Due to the significant volume of traffic, a slot system is in use. All arrivals require a pre-booked landing slot.

Aircraft will not be permitted to land without an allocated slot. Most slots prior to 12:30L are already allocated.

**Pilots must strictly adhere to their assigned slot times. Contact Air Traffic Services in advance if unable to comply with your assigned slot.**

**No departures will be permitted before 12:30L. Bookings out will be rejected.**

Operations Between 12:30L – 14:30L

Visitors will still be required to have a valid slot to operate during this time.

Restrictions on residents will be lifted during this period. Resident aircraft can operate as normal, which includes operating in the circuit. Student flying will not be allowed to resume during this period.,

Formation Departure 14:30

A formation departure is scheduled to take place from approximately 14:30L, although this can be delayed. This will consist of up to 35 aircraft.

During this time, no circuit activity will be permitted. No visitors can arrive during this period.

The formation will depart the ATZ as quickly as possible; however, delays should be expected.

**Increased caution is required within the ATZ. Pilots are advised to avoid the ATZ where possible, or maintain heightened situational awareness.**

Operations Between 14:30L – 16:00L

Additional Chipmunks may depart Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport at this time, returning to their arrival airport. Pilots wishing to operate should expect delays to depart.

During this time, no circuit activity will be permitted. No visitors can arrive during this period.

Operations Between 16:00L – 17:00L

Formation aircraft will return in staggered groups and will fit in around incumbent traffic.

Circuit conditions during this time will likely be busy. During this time, no circuit activity will be permitted. No visitors can arrive during this period.

Operations Beyond 17:00L

All restrictions lifted and normal operations resume.

Aerodrome remains open until 18:00L.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

There will be periodical formation departures, maximum of 5 aircraft each time.

Minimal disruption is expected, with formation departures vacating the ATZ as soon as possible.

Disruption to operations shall be kept to a minimum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. However, additional restrictions may be implemented if required.

Airport management will review aircraft parking availability. If necessary, restrictions will be imposed for visitors if a parking shortage is identified.

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

There will be periodical formation departures, maximum of 5 aircraft each time.

Minimal disruption is expected, though additional restrictions will be imposed if necessary.

Some Chipmunks will depart Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport on Sunday, returning to their arrival airport.

### Potential Formation Departure

A large formation (up to 30 aircraft) may occur around 16:00L (subject to confirmation).

If it proceeds, no circuit activity will be permitted.

The formation will depart the ATZ as quickly as possible; however, delays should be expected.

**Increased caution is required within the ATZ. Pilots are advised to avoid the ATZ where possible, or maintain heightened situational awareness.**

Residents will be given advanced notice on the Sunday morning if this formation departure is to go ahead. Should this formation departure go ahead, **No student pilots will be allowed to fly during the specified times provided .**

### Potential Formation Arrival

Formation aircraft will return in staggered groups and will fit in around incumbent traffic. Some aircraft will not return at all and return to their arrival airport.

Circuit conditions during this time will likely be busy. During this time, no circuit activity will be permitted. No visitors can arrive during this period.

## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

There will be periodical formation departures, maximum of 5 aircraft each time.

Minimal disruption is expected, with formation departures vacating the ATZ as soon as possible.

All remaining Chipmunks will depart Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport on the afternoon.

### **Fire Crew**

Fire Crew will have limited availability during these periods, as they will be assisting the Chipmunk Pilots.

We kindly request that you provide as much notice to the RFFS if you require any assistance, which includes getting aircraft out of hangars.

### **Air Traffic**

Significant workload and frequency congestion expected on Thursday and Friday.

When on frequency, pilots must keep all radio transmissions short and concise due to high frequency congestion. Pilots must maintain excellent situational awareness at all times.

### Tower Access

Due to high workloads, **no visitors will be permitted in the tower on the Thursday or Friday.**

Visits are to be kept to a minimum on the Saturday and Sunday, but visits will be handled on a case by case basis.

### Booking Out

Restrictions are in place on RedAtlas. Residents should attempt to book out via RedAtlas first. If you encounter an issue, book out by ringing air traffic on 01384 221378. Do not ring the emergency phone if the main phone is engaged.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, no booking outs will be accepted before 12:30. Avoid ring air traffic before 12:30 unless absolutely necessary due to high workloads.

### **New Taxiway Works**

Works for the new taxiway shall continue during this period. The only change is Helipad 6 to Holding Point A5 on Taxiway A will reopen on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May until the end of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Refer to Appendix A for taxi routes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Appendix B for taxi routes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Any other established temporary procedures and closures will remain in force. Please refer to [OPNOT-2026-01](#) for further details. This can also be found on the pilot briefing on the airport website.

### **Restaurant & Car Park**

The restaurant will be operating at maximum capacity, especially on Friday. Staff and residents are advised not to rely on restaurant services; you will be turned away if operating at capacity.

The public car park is expected to be very busy/full. Early arrival is recommended.

## **4. Queries.**

Queries shall be addressed to:

- Duty Manager Harvey Sant ([Harvey.sant@wolverhamptonairport.co.uk](mailto:Harvey.sant@wolverhamptonairport.co.uk))
- Operations Manager Jordan Timmins ([Jordan.timmins@wolverhamptonairport.co.uk](mailto:Jordan.timmins@wolverhamptonairport.co.uk))

Both Operations Manager Jordan Timmins and Duty Manager Harvey Sant will be available on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

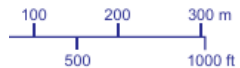
## **5. Cancellations**

This Operational Notice remains in force until:  
18:00 Local, Sunday 24 May 2026, unless cancelled earlier.





**Appendix B – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Taxiway Routings**



**KEY CODE**

**CLOSED** to all aircraft

Taxiing only

16 Landing – Vacate 10/28 Taxi Route

16 Landing - Unable to vacate 10/28 Taxi Route

To park on the Western Grass, you must enter via Taxiway Alpha

To park on the Northern Grass, you must enter via vacating RWY 10/28 onto Taxiway Charlie.

<b>GUND</b> (Geoid Undulation) = The height of the Geoid (MSL) above the Reference Ellipsoid (WGS 84) at the stated position.	
BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC ELEVATIONS AND HEIGHTS ARE IN FEET	
ELEVATIONS IN FEET AMSL	<b>335</b>
HEIGHTS IN FEET ABOVE AD	<b>(52)</b>

MOVAL OF SOME DISUSED AREAS TO GRASS. NDB WBA REMOVED. DME WOL REMOVED.