

The helicopters are taking part in essential training flights for our men and women to enable them to perform their duties for the protection of our country. The ability to operate military aircraft and helicopters at low level is an essential part of ensuring operational success. Low flying training in the UK enables this vital capability.

There are complaints about noise from time to time but most residents in the villages of Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon have grown used to the Chinooks who have been operating out of Odiham for about 20 years or so, and there are regular meetings between the RAF at Odiham and the affected Parish councils to discuss these issues.

We know that training over our area (and night time exercises) is an essential part of training pilots and crew who may then be heading for a tour in dangerous and challenging environments

Your Solicitor/Estate agent should have mentioned the local helicopter activity prior to your decision to move into the area, and the majority of local residents think that the intrusion is a small price to pay for the additional safety of our RAF crews and Forces personnel.