

**AIRPORT WORKING PARTY held at 6.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD
SAFFRON WALDEN on 17 JULY 2000**

Present:- Councillor A C Streeter - Chairman
Councillors Mrs C M Dean, R D Green, A J Ketteridge, P J F Lewis, G Sell, R
C Smith and P A Wilcock

Also Present at the Chairman's invitation:- Mrs E J Godwin

Also Present:- Mr C Bush - Planning Director and Mr R Meloy (Public
Affairs and Community Relations Team) - Stansted Airport Ltd.

Officers in attendance:- Mrs L J Crowe, R Harborough, B D Perkins and
R M Secker

AP1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M A Caton, Mrs J F Cheetham, M L
Foley and D M Jones.

AP2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor A C Streeter declared a pecuniary interest in anything to do with the Korean air crash.

AP3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J F Cheetham be appointed Vice Chairman of the Working
Party for the ensuing year.

AP4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2000 were received, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman as a correct record.

AP5 MATTERS ARISING

Members requested that the date of future meetings should be recorded in the Minutes and also
asked that the venue of the Working Party should not be changed at short notice. It was agreed
to further discuss the name and timing of meetings of this Working Party at the end of the
meeting.

AP6 STANSTED AIRPORT AUDIT REPORT 1999/2000 - UPDATE

The Head of Environmental Services informed Members that Stansted Airport Limited had
accepted all the points made in the report and would be implementing the recommendations. He
would report on progress at the next meeting of the Airport Working Party.

AP7 STANSTED AIRPORT UPDATE

Mr Bush advised that the annual passenger throughput to the end of June had risen to approximately 10.6 million. Scheduled flights accounted for 87.6% of passengers. International passengers were 86.6% and domestic 13.4%. Cargo for the same period amounted to 164,000 metric tonnes showing that the slight decrease was continuing.

Mr Bush confirmed that the complaints freephone number was published in the local phone directory. The noise unit at the Airport would be employing one more full time member of staff. The Airport was proposing to send a written response to each complaint received.

In reply to questions about passengers per flight in June and using a call centre for noise and track keeping complaints Mr Bush would investigate and report back. Mr Bush said that growth at the Airport had been much steeper than expected. The Airport was aware of capacity issues in the terminal but the current terminal extension project would alleviate the problems caused by the increasing number of passengers.

Mr Bush and Mr Meloy then left the meeting.

AP8 SCOPING REPORT FOR STUDIES TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT STANSTED AIRPORT

Members received a scoping report for studies to consider the environmental effects of possible further development at Stansted Airport. The report provided a brief description of the proposed development and outlined the range of studies which BAA proposes prior to preparing any planning application and the environmental impact statement which would be required to accompany it. The Council had been asked to respond by 28 July 2000. BAA hoped to be in a position to consult the public on interim reports of these studies in September. A planning application was anticipated in Spring 2001.

In answer to Members' questions Officers said studies would be based on 25 million passengers per annum using the Airport by 2011. On the basis of current information a planning application would be made before the study on South East and East of England Regional Airports was completed.

Members then commented on the scoping report and raised the following comments in addition to those already made:-

- 1 Forecasts of cargo throughput needed to be fully explained
- 2 Evidence was needed to justify that the number of public car parking spaces proposed was appropriate
- 3 Evidence was needed regarding future hotel requirements
- 4 Clarification was sought as to the purpose of studies to assess off site impacts on the countryside and agriculture
- 5 Evidence was required on origins of passengers within the UK in particular those being attracted from beyond the East of England/London and potentially away from regional airports.

In answer to Members' questions Officers said that they understood decked parking to mean one additional level to be added to the present short stay car park. In connection

with waste the Head of Environmental Services confirmed that the Airport dealt with waste satisfactorily using both private contractor and the District Council.

Finally Members were asked to contact the Corporate Director - Development or the Principal Planning Officer within the next two weeks with any concerns or further comments they wished to make on the scoping report.

AP9 MINUTES OF THE STACC MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2000

The Working Party received the Minutes of the STACC meeting held on 19 April 2000.

It was mentioned that Stansted was the hijack airport not only for the UK but also for Europe. Members maintained their concern over the rearranged public safety zones. Maps of the zones would be made available to all Members. Members were advised that there were no plans for northern approach slip roads to the Airport.

AP10 AGENDA FOR STACC MEETING ON 19 JULY 2000

An agenda was made available for Members to look at as this had not arrived in time to be circulated.

AP11 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Cheetham had attended the last Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group meeting of the Local Government Association on 9 June 2000 and had submitted a written report.

Councillor Mrs Caton had attended the last meeting of the Noise Track Working Party on 12 July 2000 and had submitted a written report.

AP12 KOREAN AIR CRASH

Members were updated on the current situation with regard to the clean up process for the Korean air crash.

AP13 AIRPORT WORKING PARTY

Members discussed the role of the Airport Working Party. The decision of the Policy and Resources Committee was that it should continue in its current form at the present time and be reviewed at such time as the Council changed its political structure. On balance this was accepted. In view of BAA's commitment to carry out studies into further development at the Airport Members decided that there should be a further meeting of the Working Party between the October and January meetings. Some Members also expressed the view that the meeting should commence at 7.30pm.

AP14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Airport Working Party would take place on Monday 16 October 2000 at the Council Offices, Saffron Walden. Page 3

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.