

AIRPORT WORKING PARTY held at 6.30pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 16 OCTOBER 2000

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

Also present at the Chairman's invitation:- Councillors R P Chambers, A Dean and Mrs E J Godwin.

Also present:- Mr C Bush – Planning Director, Stansted Airport Ltd.

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

AP15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M A Caton, M L Foley and G Sell.

AP16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A C Streeter declared a pecuniary interest in anything to do with the Korean air crash and Councillor Mrs J F Cheetham declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of NWEPPA.

AP17 STANSTED AIRPORT UPDATE

Mr Bush advised that the annual passenger throughput to the end of September had risen to 11.3 million and was forecast to be 12 million by the end of the financial year. Cargo for the same period amounted to 167,000 metric tons. 9,500 people were employed at the airport. In May 2001 daily flights would go to New York from Stansted. Go have announced that there are to be three flights a day to Belfast commencing at the beginning of November 2000.

Work on the terminal extension is going well and is on target for completion by early 2002. The Long Border Road should be completed during November and work is under way on the mid-stay car park.

Mr Bush said that Members of the Stansted Airport Consultation Committee and some residents of Great Hallingbury had had a very interesting visit to Farnborough Air Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) and a final report on the Korean air crash would be published around the year-end.

In connection with the Scoping Opinion the Airport would be addressing the issues raised by the Council. The consultation document will be published on 26 October.

In reply to Councillor Smith's questions about security and employee morale at Stansted Airport, Mr Bush said that security was a top priority. Stansted was known to be among the best in the world for security but unfortunately owing to human error it could never be 100%. There would be further training for security staff. In connection

with staff appointments, BAA tried to appoint from within the airport and the only vacancies available at the present time were security jobs.

Councillor Smith drew attention to the fact that BA146 aircraft had been identified with the off-track problem resulting from the trials on the Clacton route from runway 23. Generally there had been some improvement and a noise abatement scheme would possibly assist further.

In answer to questions from Councillor A Dean Mr Bush said there would be reference to the need for expansion, safety would be reviewed, health studies were being collected from other airports and economic factors would be considered. Employment at 25 million passengers would be approximately 16,000 airside employees and 5,000 off airport employees giving a total of 21,000. There would be no need for additional housing. There would be no specific reference to a fine system relating to noise infringements, but this could well be raised as part of the public consultation.

AP18 **OFFSITE CAR PARKING**

The Corporate Director-Development reported that Council policy stated that off-site car parking for the airport would be refused. At the present time a number of sites were being investigated. It was difficult to monitor car parking in streets near the airport. The Council wished to minimise the impact of car parking from the airport on the local area and encourage the use of public transport.

Councillor A Dean declared an interest in this item as he lived in a road that was used for off-site parking.

Mr Bush explained the present car park situation to Members and forecast that overall by 2002 there could be a deficit and, as a result, further proposals for long stay car parking would be brought forward. Councillor Smith queried the charges for car parking at the airport and Councillor Mrs Dean asked what the actual charges were. Chris Bush would give this information to the Corporate Director-Development.

In reply to Councillor Mrs Cheetham's question as to why rental cars were allowed to occupy a large area of the short stay car park, Chris Bush informed Members that a planning application would be submitted for a car park for rental cars. Councillor Jones drew attention to the problem of cars parking in surrounding lay-bys whilst waiting for train passengers to the airport.

Mr Bush then left the meeting.

AP19 **MINUTES**

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

AP20 MATTERS ARISING**(i) Minute AP13 – Airport Working Party**

Members discussed the commencement time for the Airport Working Party and agreed that future meetings would commence at 7.30 pm.

(ii) Minute AP8 – Scoping Report for Studies to consider environmental effects of proposed development at Stansted Airport

In reply to Councillor A Dean's question about the Council policy in connection with the Scoping report, the Corporate Director-Development replied that at the next meeting there would be a full discussion on the airport consultation document.

(iii) Minute AP9 – Stack Meeting held on 19 April 2000

Councillor Smith noted that the south end of the public safety zone was shorter than the north end.

AP21 MINUTES OF THE STACC MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2000

Councillor Mrs Cheetham informed the Working Party that the Government was looking at changing the legislation for imposing fines on off-track aircraft and controlling ground noise. In reply to a question from Councillor Streeter, Councillor Smith would ask how complaints about Stansted Airport were logged at the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee Meeting to be held on 19 October 2000.

AP22 AGENDA FOR STACC MEETING ON 19 OCTOBER 2000

The Corporate Director Development informed the Working party that the County Council were hoping to move future Stansted Airport Consultative Committee meetings a week forward which would enable the agenda to be circulated in time for the Airport Working Party meetings. On behalf of the Working Party Councillor Smith would raise the problems linked with the bus service from Gatwick and Heathrow airports. He would also raise the problems of sign posting within Stansted Airport.

AP23 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Cheetham had attended the last Strategic Aviation Special interest Group meeting of the Local Government Association on 13 October 2000 and had submitted an oral report. A written report would be circulated to Members.

AP24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Following discussion it was decided that the next meeting of the Airport Working Party would take place on Monday, 4 December, at the Council Offices, Saffron Walden at 7.30 pm.

AP25 KOREAN AIR CRASH

Councillor Streeter informed Members that there was still one piece of the depleted uranium missing. Councillor Mrs Cheetham informed Members that the final report on the Korean Air Crash would be available once the Secretary of State for the Environment had approved it. This would probably be towards the end of this year or January 2001.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.