

**SPECIAL AIRPORT WORKING PARTY held at 7.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 4 DECEMBER 2000**

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

Also present at the invitation of the Chairman:- Councillors R P Chambers,  
R J Copping, M A Gayler, Mrs E J Godwin and R A Merrion.

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

**AP26 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M A Caton,  
D M Jones, Mrs J E Menell, D M Miller, G Sell, R C Smith and P A Wilcock.

**AP27 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 she is a member of NWEHPA.

**AP28 STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Members considered a note on the planning process in relation to the  
consideration of a planning application. The Council's formal view on the  
expansion proposals had to await its consideration of the expected planning  
application, together with all supporting information as well as the views of  
third parties.

Members went through the consultation document. The Corporate Director-  
Development advised Members that he had written to the DETR seeking its  
view on how the Airport's proposals related to the current Government  
regional study, and the development of national airports policy which would  
not be published until 2002.

After a full discussion the Working Party considered that the following  
response should be sent to Stansted Airport Ltd.

- The Council notes the report.
- It is difficult to comment on partial information and on work that is  
still in progress. Examples of issues not addressed in the interim  
report include:-

- Surface water run-off, storage and discharge

- Effect on road traffic, duration of peak hours and on flows outside the peak hours, both generally and on local communities
  - Airspace considerations
  - Impact on a tight existing labour market
  - Impact on public health, in particular related to anxiety, annoyance and sleep disturbance
  - Light pollution
  - Attenuation of engine testing ground noise
  - Need for a second maintenance base
  - Rail capacity
  - Need to consider noise as an issue as perceived by the local community rather than based on past statistical studies.
- The Council is concerned that some of the questions are phrased in such a way that they do not set out the consequences of the proposed development. Some of the diagrams are not particularly helpful in interpreting the consequences for local communities.
  - The role of the Council as local planning authority, which would normally determine any application, precludes it from expressing a view at this stage.
  - The Council's policy is that Stansted Airport should not develop beyond about 15mppa.
  - A planning application for further development will be determined on the basis of the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
  - The Scoping Report and the Council's Scoping Opinion identify a wide range of issues to be considered. The Council expects these studies to be completed. Extensive mitigation will be required to achieve sustainable development. This should acknowledge that the polluter would pay for unavoidable impacts. Any planning application should provide generally for the consequences of the development in the wider community.
  - The Council's consultation document in the summer on issues the new Local Plan should address, underlined the importance the community attaches to controls on noise, night flights, flight paths and road traffic if the Airport were allowed to expand.

RECOMMENDED that the above comments be sent to Stansted Airport Ltd.

AP29      **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of the Airport Working Party would take place on Wednesday 10 January 2001 at the Council Offices, Great Dunmow at 7.30 pm.

AP30      **SEASONS GREETINGS**

The Chairman expressed his best wishes to Members and officers for Christmas and the New Year.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.