

**AIRPORT WORKING PARTY held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD
SAFFRON WALDEN on 22 JANUARY 2001**

Present:- Councillor A C Streeter – Chairman.
Councillors Mrs M A Caton, Mrs J F Cheetham, D M Jones,
P G F Lewis, G Sell and P A Wilcock.

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

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

Officers in attendance:- R Harborough, B D Perkins, Mrs C Roberts and
R M Secker.

AP26 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C M Dean and
R C Smith.

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 a Member of NWEHPA.

AP28 STANSTED AIRPORT UPDATE

Mr C Bush gave his usual update followed by a progress report on STAL's recent
public consultation.

He advised that the annual passenger throughput to the end of December 2000 had
risen to 11,854,300. The corresponding figure for 1999 had been 9,420,000. The
recent monthly figures showed an annual increase of 24.8%. Disruption to rail
services since October was believed to have contributed to an increase of 50,000
domestic passengers. 11% of total flights had been charter and 88% international.
Cargo tonnage for the same 12 month period had been 160,695 tonnes, down 6%.

The average passenger loading had now been increased to 89.49 passengers. The
annual passenger air transport movements had been 132,459 compared with the
1999 figure of 122,324.

Mr Bush advised that the 15 mppa throughput was likely to be reached in 2002/03
(earlier than previously forecast). The growth forecast now was that 25mppa could
be reached by 2010. Progress was also being made in international negotiations on
the mandatory specification improvements for new aircraft types to be registered
from January 2006.

Mr Bush outlined the responses STAL had received to the recent public consultation. The main themes had been noise, transport and prematurity/alternative ways of meeting the demand. STAL would take the comments into account in preparing its mitigation proposals, which it anticipated submitting to the Council in the form of a draft Section 106 agreement .

In reply to Members' questions, Mr Bush confirmed that he would be advising, in relation to the London, Stansted and Cambridge Study, that in STAL's view development of Stansted to 25mppa would not necessitate any additional housing over and above that already planned. He confirmed that the phasing out of older, noisier aircraft was a factor in the forecasts of the population within the noise contours. He confirmed that consultants were undertaking a comprehensive air quality study, which would include a review of the health impacts of benzene levels.

Members asked a number of specific questions to which replies would be sent in the normal way.

AP29

THE FUTURE OF AVIATION

The Working Party received an initial report about the Government's consultation document on air transport policy. The report identified key questions posed in the document and invited Members to start considering the Council's response. The report contained a number of comments.

Comments which Members emphasised included the need to ensure that the 'polluter pays' principle applied, that the quality of life of local residents had to be safeguarded, consideration to an off-shore had to start now and that more evidence was needed on the consequences to the country of interlining.

It was suggested and agreed that there would be merit in discussing the consultation document further when more information was available. A reply was necessary by 12 April and the appropriate meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee would be on 10 April 2001. It was therefore suggested that a special meeting of the Airport Working Party should be held, open to all Council Members, when this matter could be discussed with the benefit of a further report.

RESOLVED that a meeting be held to discuss specifically the DETR consultation document.

AP30

BAA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING STRATEGY

The Working Party received a report on the consultation document "BAA Employment and Training Strategy". The report described the objectives suggested by BAA, which were commendable. There was concern nevertheless, as to the impact of the airport companies' labour demands on other employers in the area.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 The Council responds positively to BAA's suggestion that an employment forum for Stansted be established and agrees to participate, subject to the forum membership reflecting the broader concern of the labour requirements of other employers in the area.
- 2 The Council generally supports what the forum is seeking to do, subject to the forum monitoring the effect of the Airport's impact on the labour market in the local area and mitigating, as far as possible, any adverse effects.

AP31

MINUTES OF STACC MEETING ON 18 OCTOBER 2000 AND AGENDA FOR STACC MEETING ON 24 JANUARY 2001

The Working Party considered the Minutes of the STACC meeting held on 18 October 2000 and the Agenda for the 24 January 2001 meeting.

Councillor Mrs M A Caton informed the meeting that she would be attending the meeting on 24 January 2001.

As regards the Minutes of the meeting on 18 October 2000, a Member commented that under the item for noise complaints analysis (Minute 131), record should also be kept of the number of complaints made by individuals to reflect the real concerns of the local community. It was agreed that this would be raised at the STACC meeting. The issue of BAA land ownership outside the existing airport boundary would also be raised.

AP32

DATE OF MEETINGS

It was agreed, subject to confirmation, that meetings in 2001 be held on the following dates:

19 March - 7.30 pm at Saffron Walden – Special meeting to discuss the DETR paper on the Future of Aviation.

23 April - 6.30 pm at Saffron Walden (a Workshop is programmed for 7.30 pm on the same day).

23 July - 7.30 pm at Saffron Walden.

22 October - 7.30 pm at Saffron Walden.

Any previously indicated dates for meetings were to be cancelled.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.