

**AIRPORT WORKING PARTY held at 6.30pm at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 23 APRIL 2001**

Present: Councillor A C Streeter – Chairman  
Councillors Mrs M A Caton, Mrs J F Cheetham, Mrs C M Dean,  
P G F Lewis, R C Smith and P A Wilcock

Also present: Councillor R P Chambers

Also present at the Chairman's invitation: Councillors Mrs E J Godwin  
and R A Merrion

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

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

**AP33 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Sell.

**AP34 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.

**AP35 STANSTED AIRPORT UPDATE**

Mr Bush advised that the passenger throughput to the end of March had risen to approximately 12.3 million an increase of 23.8%. Cargo traffic movements had amounted to 175,590 metric tonnes.

The use of public transport had reached 34.6% by the end of December against the target of 35%. The Transport Area Forum would discuss ways of improving on this figure. The car sharing scheme would be relaunched in May. A new bus and coach timetable for 2001 had been introduced. Many villages now had daily bus services with early and late journeys. A meeting with Birchanger Parish Council had taken place and Stansted Airport Limited had agreed to extra funding and planting. Continental Airlines would be starting a daily scheduled flight from Stansted to New York on 2 May 2001.

The Noise Complaints Unit had combined with the Noise and Track Keeping Working Group to produce a new brochure which would inform local residents over a wider area about noise track keeping. In answer to a question from Councillor Mrs Cheetham, Mr Bush said that the brochure would be circulated in all the local newspapers. Members commented on the amount of rubbish on the train platform and Mr Bush said that he would investigate this matter.

Mr Bush said that if Members let him know of specific cases, he would request the bus companies to ensure that there were connections to original destinations.

Mr Bush confirmed that the trees removed at Junction 8 on the M11 roundabout would be replaced and replanting would take place. Councillor Mrs Godwin commented that since the trees had been removed the noise had increased. With reference to restricting staff car parking Mr Bush said that the airport did not want to create/encourage off site parking.

Councillor Mrs Caton asked about fire training with kerosene to which Mr Bush replied that, while the airport wished to restrict the use of kerosene it was essential that the fire service did some training with kerosene so that in an emergency it was equipped to deal with such a situation. In reply to the Director of Community Services' question about the response of STAL to the Government consultation paper on the Future of Aviation, Mr Bush said that in general BAA was urging the Government to:-

- 1 Come to a decision on Terminal 5
- 2 Make the best use of available airport capacity
- 3 Develop a process for controls and limits
- 4 Provide a sustainable framework for future airport development

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#### **MINUTES OF STACC MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2001**

The Working Party received the Minutes of the STACC meeting held on 24 January 2001. Members expressed concern at the wording of the first resolution on page 10 concerning the Consultative Committee's response to the consultation report on proposals to develop Stansted Airport beyond 15mppa. It implied support for further expansion. Councillor Smith said that the wording for this Minute would be determined at the STACC meeting on 25 April 2001.

The Working Party expressed concern at the method used for recording noise complaints. It was felt that the number of people complaining should be recorded as well as the number of aircraft complained about. Councillor Smith said that this matter should also be dealt with by the audit of the airport.

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#### **AGENDA FOR STACC MEETING ON 25 APRIL 2001**

The Working Party received the agenda of the STACC meeting to be held on 25 April 2001.

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#### **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Mrs Cheetham had received the LGA's Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group final report which would be circulated to Members. A meeting of Members and officers had taken place with Crawley District Council in relation to the legal agreement concerning further development at Gatwick

Airport. The authorities around that Airport agreed it had been a worthwhile exercise.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Airport Working Party would take place at 7.30pm on 23 July 2001 at the Council Offices Saffron Walden.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm