

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30 pm on 21 OCTOBER 2002**

Present:- Councillor A C Streeter – Chairman.
Councillors Mrs J F Cheetham, A Dean, Mrs E J Godwin,
R A Merrion, G Sell, R C Smith and P A Wilcock.

Also present:- Councillors Mrs C A Cant, Mrs J E Menell, R W L Stone
and A R Thawley.

Officers in attendance:- Miss E Anderson, W Cockerel, B D Perkins
and M T Purkiss.

SA31 APOLOGIES

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

SA32 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs J F Cheetham, A Dean, Mrs E J Godwin, Mrs J E Menell,
A C Streeter and P A Wilcock declared their interests as members of SSE.

SA33 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Panel held on 14 October 2002
were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SA34 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) DfT Exhibition

The Director of Community Services informed the Advisory Panel that the
Department for Transport exhibition would be returning to the area on
2 November 2002 and would be held at the Charis Centre in Bishop's
Stortford. This event would be advertised by the DfT and the Council would
issue a press release and refer to the exhibition on the Council Page.

(ii) Referendum

The Director of Community Services reported that there had been no further
update of the number of returned ballot papers.

Councillor Sell was hoping that participation levels in this referendum would
be above that of the general election and asked if there was anything else
Councillors could do to encourage the public to return their ballot papers. The
Director of Community Services commented that it could be difficult to get
people to return ballot papers 3 – 4 weeks after they had been sent out. He

added that Stop Stansted Expansion was issuing leaflets to encourage people to return them. Councillor Merrion suggested a poster be placed in CICs urging residents to return their ballot papers. The Advisory Panel agreed that this was a good idea and also suggested that the DfT exhibition on 2 November was advertised on the same poster.

SA35 UPDATE ON LOCAL IMPACT

The Advisory Panel was updated on the numbers of listed buildings, Special Sites of Scientific Interest and other key features which would be affected by the varying noise levels. The Advisory Panel agreed that this list would have a bigger impact if other Councils in the surrounding areas of Stansted Airport were to add to it. The Director of Community Services agreed to invite Councils such as East Herts, Braintree and Epping to contribute to the list.

SA36 URBANISATION IMPLICATIONS

The Advisory Panel was given a preliminary urbanisation note. Urbanisation in the countryside was considered to be one of the key impacts that made more runways at Stansted totally unacceptable. There were no brown field sites in the general area around Stansted Airport.

The Advisory Panel reported that even at present it was hard to recruit for low paid jobs in this area, especially at Stansted Airport. Also, Members felt that there was a danger of relying on one source of major employment in the area.

In answer to a question from Councillor Mrs Cheetham, the Director of Community Services said that advice had been sought from the consultants about the concept of hub airports.

The need to consider the inter-relationship between the consultations on airport policy and the regional planning options for the East of England was very important.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer informed the Advisory Panel of a workshop to be held on 11 November 2002 at 2.30 pm organised by the Primary Care Trust. It would consider the health impacts of the proposed expansion at Stansted Airport.

SA37 DfT QUESTIONNAIRE

The Members of the Advisory Panel considered the questions outlined in the DfT questionnaire. Some of the questions could not be answered fairly, these questions were left blank and a comment was inserted beside them. Members were not entirely happy with some of the terminology in the questionnaire. The Advisory Panel noted that the similar DfT questionnaire for the Midlands was a lot simpler to understand.

The Director of Community Services reported that a letter had been sent to the Secretary of State requesting that everyone in Uttlesford should receive a

copy of the questionnaire and a disk containing the addresses of all households in Uttlesford had been forwarded to him.

SA38 UPDATE ON STRATEGIC ISSUES

The Advisory Panel was given an update on a number of issues.

The Advisory Panel questioned why Gatwick was excluded from the proposals and it was noted that other authorities had also questioned this.

Members emphasised the importance of rail travel in the UK to decrease the demand for domestic flights and therefore lower pollution and environmental damage.

Councillor Wilcock suggested looking at a 50 year plan rather than a 30 year plan and to consider the concept of developing a whole new airport in another area.

SA39 FUTURE WORK

The Director of Community Services reported that at the next Council meeting on 22 October 2002 a pledge card would be available for Members to sign. This card would provide key messages outlining arguments against airport expansion at Stansted.

The Director of Community Services advised the Panel that the Council would be asked to change the date of the extraordinary meeting of the Council to decide its response until the week commencing 25 November.

SA40 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 30 October 2002 at 6.30 pm at Saffron Walden.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.