STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30 pm on 30 OCTOBER 2002

Present:- Councillor A C Streeter – Chairman.

Councillors Mrs J F Cheetham, A Dean, Mrs E J Godwin,

R A Merrion and P A Wilcock.

Also present:- Councillors Mrs C A Cant, P G F Lewis and A R Thawley.

Officers in Attendance: Miss E Anderson, W Cockerell, R Harborough and B D Perkins.

SA41 APOLOGIES

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

SA42 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

SA43 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Panel held on 21 October 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the addition of Councillor Merrion to the list of those Councillors declaring an interest as members of SSE.

SA44 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) DfT Questionnaire

The Director of Community Services emphasised the need for Councillors to fill in questionnaires and send them off to the DfT. In answer to Councillor Dean the Director said that there had been no answer as yet from the Secretary of State as to whether questionnaires were to be sent to all residents in Uttlesford.

(ii) Referendum

The Director of Community Services informed Members that a high percentage of the ballot papers sent out had been returned to date, which was higher than last year's General Election turnout of 65.5%.

SA45 EMERGING ADVICE FROM CONSULTANTS

The Advisory Panel considered a note prepared by officers using advice received from Mouchel Consulting.

Forecasts/Demand Issues

The Panel discussed the implications of air transport demand in certain areas and what affects these increases would have on other airports. On the issue of reduction in airfares, doubts were raised as to whether these reductions were likely to continue to happen in the future.

Urbanisation

The urbanisation implications would be very significant.

Transport

The Director of Community Services reported that this was another strong argument against further runway development at Stansted. It would require some substantial investment and still would not have essential strategic multi directional access.

Air Traffic Control

It was noted by the Panel that concerns had been expressed by others as to how future air traffic movements could be satisfactorily accommodated.

SA46 STRUCTURE AND GENERAL CONTENT OF COUNCIL RESPONSE TO DfT

Members of the Advisory Panel considered the summary of questions for consultees from the DfT consultation papers. The Director of Community Services suggested that these questions should be answered in addition to writing a full report and a summary report, which should be available for general public use. The Advisory Panel gave preliminary consideration as to how each question should be answered.

It was reported that STACC had produced a good response to the consultation document and a copy would be available soon. It was also reported that information from other sources (East Herts, Braintree, Harlow and Epping Forest District Councils) for listed buildings and SSSI etc had been received.

SA47 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on 4 November 2002 had been cancelled and therefore, the next meeting would be held on 12 November 2002 at 5.00 pm at Great Dunmow and a further meeting would be held on 18 November 2002 at 6.30 pm at Saffron Walden.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm. Page 2