

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30 pm on 18 NOVEMBER 2002**

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

Also present:- Councillors Mrs C A Cant, A J Ketteridge, P G F Lewis,  
Mrs C M Little, Mrs J E Menell, R J O'Neill and R W L Stone.

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

**SA54 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M L Foley, R C Smith  
and A R Thawley.

**SA55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs M A Caton, Mrs J F Cheetham, A Dean, Mrs E J Godwin,  
P G F Lewis, Mrs C M Little, Mrs J E Menell, R A Merrion, G Sell,  
A C Streeter and P A Wilcock declared their interests as members of SSE.

**SA56 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Panel held on 12 November 2002  
were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**SA57 BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute SA52 - Other Issues**

The referendum result was now due to be delivered to 10 Downing Street on  
28 November 2002.

**SA58 DRAFT RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT**

The Advisory Panel considered the suggested draft response to the  
Department for Transport. The response as agreed at the meeting would be  
recommended to the Extraordinary Environment and Transport Committee  
meeting on 26 November 2002 and then sent to the Extraordinary Council  
Meeting on 28 November 2002 for final approval.

Members felt that the overall content of the draft response to the Department  
for Transport contained the main information required to create a strong

argument to the Government as to why no more runways at Stansted would be acceptable. A number of changes were put forward at the meeting

Councillor O'Neill suggested re-arranging the opening paragraphs. Councillor Merrion commented that tax should also be payable on aircraft as well as the fuel. Members also agreed that the document would benefit from a short introduction.

Members discussed the presentation of the document, including use of a photograph and putting the tables at the end of the report.

Members felt that a number of paragraphs needed further explanation and careful editing. Councillor Ketteridge felt that statements included in the text could be picked out and highlighted in bold to add extra impact. Members suggested some more information on health. Councillor Mrs Cant reported that the UPCT had compiled a very good response paper for the Department of Transport and the Director of Community Services said that we should rely on the UPCT and other such bodies for detailed reports on such matters.

Members agreed that noise from arriving aircraft as well as departing aircraft needed to be included along with ground noise. Members were also concerned about the issue of compensation.

The Director of Community Services commented that answers to the questions for the DfT response as well as the DfT questionnaire would be attached as an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED that the draft response to the DfT, subject to the relevant changes, be forwarded the Extraordinary Environment and Transport Committee meeting on 26 November 2002.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm