

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on 24 MARCH 2003**

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

Also present:- Councillor R W L Stone.

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

**SA68 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M A Caton,  
A Dean, M L Foley, R C Smith and Mrs E J Godwin.

**SA69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs J F Cheetham and R A Merrion declared their interest as  
Members of SSE.

**SA70 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2003 were approved as a  
correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**SA71 BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute SA.62 – Response to the Transport Select Committee on  
Aviation**

The Director of Community Services informed Members of participants giving  
oral evidence at the next two meetings of the Transport Select Committee on  
Aviation. To date no request had been received by the Council to give  
evidence and Members hoped that at least some Local Authority  
representative did appear before the Committee, such as SASIG.

**(ii) Minute SA.64 – Working With the Airport – The Role of the  
Advisory Panel**

Councillor Merrion brought to the attention of the Committee the light pollution  
problem within the Stansted Airport area created by the car parks.

**SA72 SECOND SERAS CONSULTATION**

Members were now in receipt of the second SERAS consultation document,  
which included the new options for expansion at Gatwick Airport. The Panel

was asked to consider whether the Council should make an additional response to the consultation document and, if so, the thrust of that response. It was noted that the new questionnaires accompanying the consultation were still very biased. The Director of Community Services felt that there was no need for extra research to be carried out for the second consultation, but that the Council needed to maintain an effective campaign, and that Members and officers needed to be aware of what approaches other authorities and key organisations were going to adopt regarding the second consultation.

Councillor Wilcock brought to the attention of the Committee the fact that the consultation document lacked information on offshore options as well as environmental issues. The Director of Community Services informed the Panel that there were four proposals for offshore sites and that their representatives had been invited to give presentations on 14 April at the Council Offices. Councillors, other authorities and representatives from SSE would be invited. He also informed of the need to comment on the Department for Transport/HM Treasury document on 'Aviation and the Environment' and advised that a brief note would be prepared on this for the next meeting. It was noted that one of the advantages of the extended consultation period was that the environmental agenda and the need to manage demand was gaining momentum, and the Council's response could further emphasise these important matters. One of the disadvantages of the extended consultation could be the risk of people getting tired of the campaign. Members felt it was essential not to become dormant during the second consultation period, but to remain proactive and reinforce the responses already made. It was felt that the Council must keep a high profile by working with SSE, continue to provide up to date information via newsletters, network with others and arrange appropriate media events up until the end of the consultation period and, indeed, beyond that period up to the Government decision.

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### **WORKING WITH OTHERS**

The Director of Community Services reported that the Council was working with SSE to produce a newsletter, which would encourage people to respond to the second SERAS consultation document. He felt that people should be encouraged to write to the DfT to reconfirm their views. The Panel was informed of an imminent meeting, which would take place with Essex, Hertfordshire and East Herts Councils.

The Committee was informed of various sub regional studies and progress on the preparation of regional planning guidance. The Panel felt that all this work needed to be monitored closely.

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### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **(i) Director of Planning at Stansted Airport**

The Panel was informed that Chris Bush had retired from Stansted Airport and would be replaced by Chris Butler. Members congratulated Chris Bush

for the work he carried out throughout the years with the Council and it was agreed that the Chairman should write to him on their behalf.

**(ii) Monitoring of noise**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reported that he was presently working with SSE to provide noise monitoring equipment and manpower for the monitoring of noise at various locations in the Uttlesford area.

**(iii) DFT Code of Practice – Access to the Disabled**

Councillor Wilcock referred to the DfT Code of Practice for Access to the Disabled in relation to air travel.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 22 April 2003 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.