

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on 28 JULY 2003**

Present:- Councillor P A Wilcock – Chairman.
Councillors K R Artus, A Dean, E J Godwin, J P Murphy, G Sell
and A R Thawley.

Also present:- Chris Butler (Business Development and Planning Director,
STAL) and Tim Walker (Bell Pottinger representative).

Officers in attendance:- W Cockerell, R Harborough, R Haylock and
B D Perkins.

SA8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J F Cheetham,
D Corke and M L Foley.

The following Members declared their interests as members of SSE:

Councillors K R Artus, A Dean, E J Godwin, J P Murphy, G Sell and
A R Thawley.

SA9 MINUTES

The Minutes at the meeting held on 29 May 2003 were received, confirmed
and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SA10 MATTERS ARISING

The Acting Chief Executive informed Members that a meeting between BAA,
UDC and SRA was being arranged for September.

**SA11 STANSTED AIRPORT'S RESPONSE TO OUR AUDIT OF THEIR FEU –
FLIGHT EVALUATION UNIT**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reported that a letter had been
received from Terry Morgan (Managing Director of STAL). The letter was a
response to the recommendations made in the Council's Audit of the FEU at
the airport. The letter stated that Stansted was the only airport in the UK that
penalised airlines for flying flagrantly "off track" via a voluntary system agreed
with airlines. Chris Butler said that BAA had been able to achieve this by
working with airlines to develop practices that effectively secured accurate
adherence to the designated Noise Preferential Routes. Members were
informed that over the past 10 years the average level of "off track" flying had
reduced from nearly 10% to under 2%. It was agreed not to pursue making
representations to the CAA that information on the NPR swathe (as opposed
to its centre line) should be included in aeronautical information for pilots. The

Principal Environmental Health Officer reported that ground run engine tests were now limited to a maximum two hour time period. He also said that BAA would be providing a second noise pen by 30 September 2004, thus fulfilling their obligation in the Section 106 Agreement. BAA stated that they had agreed not to permit the use of auxiliary power units on echo apron between 2330 and 0600 hours. Members noted that the request for a mobile monitor for Thaxted would be considered by the Noise and Track Keeping Working Group.

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PROGRESS REPORT

Chris Butler thanked Members for the warm welcome which he had received. He reported that STAL had been successful in attracting non UK based aircraft to the airport such as Sky Europe and norwegian.no. Members were informed that Stansted handled 13% more passengers in June 2003 than in the same month last year. By comparison, nationally air traffic had increased by 2.2% and in the southeast it had increased by 4%. Chris Butler reported that meetings would be held with the Strategic Rail Authority during the next two months on the required agreement about investing in additional capacity to handle 25 mppa. This discussion was on plan. Budget approval had been obtained for the various studies STAL was obliged to undertake. Negotiations with FLS about access to the site for the second noise pen were progressing. Regular liaison meetings with officers would be used to ensure that there was a common understanding of progress with meeting all the obligations. Building work would begin on the 350-bedroom hotel on the Southgate site next summer. Chris Butler also reported that 200 extra security staff had been recruited in the airport terminal, and that the layout of the entrance to security checks had been improved, with benefits to circulation in the terminal. He confirmed action had been taken to secure an improvement in handling agent performance. In response to a question from Councillor Godwin, Chris Butler reported that work on the standby runway would be starting probably in the next 12 months; however, it was dependent on the completion of taxiway works. The Airport Transport Forum had been held recently. Chris Butler said that considerable progress had been made with encouraging staff to use public transport to travel to work. Councillor Dean welcomed Mr Butler's offer of an open constructive approach and raised the issue of the scope for accommodating an asylum seekers dispersal centre for the Home Office within the airport boundary. Chris Butler said that it was important to look at the planned use of land within the airport. Councillor Dean would be receiving a written response to his query from the Managing Director shortly. He also confirmed in response to Councillor Dean that STAL would be happy to discuss the local tourism initiatives being developed within the Stansted Business Forum.

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MEDIA/LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Tim Walker reported that Bell Pottinger had now been working with Uttlesford District Council and SSE for a year. He said that the Stansted campaign had always had a high profile, as it was such a controversial campaign with so many influential organisations opposed to the airport's expansion. Tim Walker said that one of the key elements in the campaign against expansion was the

concept that BAA should not be able to operate all three London airports. He said that the strength of local opposition had been overwhelming and had been instrumental to the campaign's success. Members were informed that the campaign update newsletter was circulated to approximately 500 different organisations. Tim Walker informed Members of a forthcoming book which was being produced by Bell Pottinger. The book would be entitled the "No Book" and would catalogue the opposition of key bodies to any new runways at Stansted.

Councillor Dean emphasised the need to look to the next phase of the campaign and prepare for future responses. Members discussed the forthcoming White Paper which would be published by the Government and the subsequent sequence of processes and decisions. It was noted that the White Paper would only set the Government national policy framework. Investment decisions would have to be taken by the private sector.

SA14 MONITORING THE 15-25 MPPA PLANNING DEVELOPMENT

Members considered the report which advised the Panel on the actions and monitoring of those parts of the Agreement that had taken place to date. The Principal Planning Officer informed the Panel that Halcrow had been appointed by BAA Stansted to prepare a bus/coach study to identify how bus/coach services could contribute to 37% air passenger public transport usage by 2010. Similarly, Halcrow had been appointed to develop schemes to monitor the impact of the 15-25 mppa development on the Highway Agency, airport and local road networks. A discussion paper had been presented to the meeting of the Stansted Area Transport Forum's Highway Infrastructure Working Group, which was now being looked at by all relevant stakeholders including this Council and Essex County Council. Members were informed that the study would primarily be assessing long distance services. The approved schemes were required to be implemented by December 2004.

SA15 ITEM ON SUSTAINABLE AVIATION CONFERENCE: IS THE SKY THE LIMIT? 3 JULY 2003

The Chairman referred to the written report from Councillor Corke who was had been unable to attend the meeting of the Panel. He commended Councillor Corke on the quality of the report and informed Members that if they required more information they could visit the website address which was provided at the bottom of the report.

SA16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Acting Chief Executive informed Members that the Minutes of the STACC meeting held on 30 April 2003 and the agenda for the meeting on 30 July 2003 had been received. Members commented that the STACC Minutes were not as readily available as they ought to be. The Chairman suggested that all Members of STAAP should receive electronic copies of the Minutes.

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FUTURE MEETINGS AT SAFFRON WALDEN

Thursday, 11 September 2003.

Monday, 20 October 2003.