

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on 20 OCTOBER 2003**

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

Also present:- Chris Butler (Business Development and Planning  
Director, STAL), John Williams (Head of Public Affairs,  
STAL) and Gary Cornell (Environment Manager, STAL)

Officers in Attendance:- W Cockerell, R Harborough, R Kirmani and  
B D Perkins

**SA18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cheetham.  
The following Members declared their interest as members of SSE.  
Councillors K R Artus, A Dean, E J Godwin, J P Murphy, G Sell and  
A R Thawley.

Councillor E J Godwin declared an interest in item SA22 below as being a  
Governor of a School in the area.

**SA19 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2003 were received, confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**SA20 PROGRESS REPORT**

Chris Butler reported that the passenger numbers had increased to 17.9  
mppa by the end of September.

The Radison SAS hotel would open in July 2004 with 350 bedrooms  
available. The total 500 bedrooms would be available by November. Work  
would start on the Holiday Inn Hotel on the Southgate site on  
3 November 2003. BP would be starting on the filling station in the New Year  
with a six-month construction period. He further reported that the work on the  
standby runway would probably be starting in the next six months, however it  
was dependent on the completion of taxiway works. He informed the  
Members that considerable progress had been made with encouraging staff to  
use public transport to travel to work. He updated Members on various  
passenger service issues and reported on the annual meeting of the Airport  
Employment Forum held on 12 September 2003, which was well attended by  
a cross section of airport employers and skills and training providers. Efforts  
were in progress to provide people with the skills to work and pursue career  
development at the Airport.

In response to Members' queries Chris Butler reported that several Community projects were funded by BAA. BAA was planning to set up a Community Trust Fund by early next year. Uttlesford District Council would be invited to nominate a trustee. He further pointed out that the BAA Group had a 21<sup>ST</sup> Century Community Trust fund for environmental, educational and social projects.

The Chair requested that the leaflet outlining what was available for which project should be widely circulated and a copy sent to the Council.

A Member expressed concern about Public Transport connections at the airport. Chris Butler suggested that this should be pursued through the Stansted Area Transport Forum. BAA was meeting the SRA to try and resolve capacity issues. It had made financial proposals to secure the provision of additional rolling stock. It would be following up the matter with the SRA. He indicated the preparatory work in hand in relation to platform lengthening.

A Business Forum Sub Group had been set up to look at the tourism issues.

Councillor A Dean reported that the Home Office had announced that the Government's proposals for Asylum seekers' removal centre in the Stansted area would not be proceeding for the foreseeable future.

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### **BAA STANSTED REPORT FOR 2002/03 'TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY'**

Chris Butler gave a presentation on the BAA Report for 2002/2003 'Towards Sustainability'.

He reported on what BAA had achieved in relation to the targets it had set itself for the year 2002/03, which related to some of the key areas of performance such as, environmental, social and economic activities and which were of concern to national and local stakeholders.

The environmental targets that related to air noise, climate change, waste, air quality and implementation of the airport environmental management system, had either been fully achieved or were in the process of being met.

Efforts were made to encourage Staff to use more public transport or to use the Car Share Schemes. Wide ranging programmes to promote public transport use and road improvements were in place such as company travel plans and each new employee was given a travel pack.

The social target of accredited airport skills training programme for new staff by 31 March 2003 was fully achieved.

The economic target, which was to open the western terminal extension before Easter 2002 had been fully achieved.

**CONSULTATION ON FURTHER STANSTED NOISE INSULATION**

Will Cockerell reported details of the noise insulation programmes proposed by Stansted Airport Ltd and suggested various issues, which could be included in response to the consultation.

He further reported that the review of the original scheme had resulted in the redrawing of the boundary to bring in an additional 237 properties, mainly in the Little Hallingbury area. This review had also brought in a further Noise Insulation Programme for 15 mppa.

A Noise Insulation Scheme for Ground Noise had been included in the new review. The proposal was that the area bounded by the M11, the new A120 and within 600 metres of the operational areas of the Airport should form a new noise insulation programme. Burton End would be brought within the noise insulation programme for the first time.

In view of the degree of uncertainty associated with the data used in the production of the contour maps it was suggested that future programmes should incorporate automatic reviews triggered when annual noise contour maps which are produced for the Department for Transport.

Members expressed concern that local residents were asked to pay 50% of the cost of replacing double-glazing.

Members again expressed concern at the continued use of the out-dated 57dBA leq measure by the Government as a noise measure of community annoyance.

RECOMMENDED that the Environment and Transport Committee respond to the Consultation document as follows:-

- 1 That noise contour maps should be reviewed annually to ensure they were based on actual aircraft traffic data rather than working assumptions, and any additional property be brought into the scheme if appropriate;
- 2 That non residential public buildings, such as schools, should be included in the scheme as they were equally affected by noise;
- 3 That the contours should be based on a composite of 100% runway use in both directions rather than the 23:77 modal split;
- 4 That the next programme of insulation in relation to 25mppa should now be developed and STAL should be asked as to when it proposed to start the process;
- 5 That the next programme of noise insulation should also include revisiting the conclusions of the ground noise report that road traffic noise from the new A120 will be the main source of noise at night in Takeley area.
- 6 That the cost of double-glazing be met fully by the proposed scheme.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AROUND STANSTED AIRPORT**

Will Cockerell informed the Members of the environmental monitoring studies carried out around Stansted Airport and of ongoing and proposed monitoring.

Noise monitoring studies had been going on for over ten years at one site in Takeley measuring Leq, background and peak levels. The current trend showed that noise levels were not increasing as rapidly as in the 1990's.

As part of current planning obligation Stansted Airport was required to produce an air quality monitoring strategy and an odour study.

The Council had a mobile air quality monitoring station that was currently stationed on the North side of the A120 close to Takeley Four Ashes. Officers were asked to consider a programme for the locations of the mobile air quality monitoring station and to establish contact with the relevant Directorate in the European Commission in relation to this work.

The Chairman suggested that similar Monitoring reports should be submitted to this Panel on a regular basis. Officers were asked to consider setting out relevant information in standard tabular form.

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### **ACTION AND MONITORING SECTION OF 106 AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF STANSTED AIRPORT FROM 15-25 mppa**

Members received a report on the action and monitoring of those parts of the Section 106 Agreement that had taken place to date.

It was reported that a draft final report of the bus/coach study had been completed identifying how bus/coach services could contribute to 37% air passenger public transport usage by 2010. A meeting between BAA Stansted, this Council and Essex County Council was held on 5 August to discuss how to carry out a local fly parking study, which should be undertaken by 16 November 2003. A hotline would be operational on 28 October, the residents could use it to report instances of suspected fly parking, from which a data could be built up and further areas for survey/action as appropriate identified.

BAA Stansted's new Environment Manager had initial discussion with the Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer over the commissioning and undertaking of an odour study by 16 May 2005. A meeting was held on 28 August to discuss the scope and content of the study.

It was expected that an application for Planning permission for a new ground running facility would be submitted shortly and it would be operational by 30 September 2004.

**SA25 VISIT TO BRUSSELS**

The Acting Chief Executive reported on the Members' visit to Brussels. The Group met a number of MEPs and senior officials to discuss the Council's approach to the future of aviation within the UK. Meetings were held with officials dealing with competition, transport and the environment. Aviation is a global industry that impacts beyond national boundaries. The Commission is particularly interested in the environmental and health impact of aviation and there is a need to encourage urgent work and decisions in relation to environmental charging.

The delegation clearly learnt about the role and functions of the Commission and what it can do. Equally the Commission was made fully aware of the Council's case and the visit generally has heightened awareness of the Council's case. The MEPs were supportive of the Council's case. Good contact has been established with officials within the Commission.

**SA26 MINUTES OF STAC MEETING**

The Members noted the minutes of the STACC meeting held on 30 July 2003.

**SA27 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Members agreed the following dates for future meetings of this Panel

Monday, 26 January 2004.

Monday, 26 April 2004.

Monday, 26 July 2004.

Monday, 25 October 2004.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.