

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on 17 MARCH 2004**

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

Also present:- Councillor M Savage.
Chris Butler (Business Development and Planning Director,
STAL) Alastair McDermid, Director of Stansted Generation 2
Project.

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

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PROGRESS REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Chris Butler and Alastair McDermid from BAA Stansted and informed the Members that this item would be taken before the other items on the Agenda.

Chris Butler informed the Members that he would report on matters relating to the existing runway and its further development to its maximum capacity and Alastair would report on the progress made for the Generation 2 Project.

Chris reported that the passenger numbers had increased to 19.2 million an increase of 20% from February last year.

The Radison SAS Hotel project was on schedule and would open in August 2004 with 350 bedrooms available and additional 150 bedrooms by November. Work had started on the Holiday Inn Hotel on the Southgate site on 3 November 2003 and 155 rooms would be available by next year. BP had started work on the filling station and it would be completed by June. A planning application for a noise pen for engine testing had just been approved by the Council.

Chris Butler reported that BAA would seek nominations for trustees for the Community Trust Fund in 4/5 weeks.

Alastair McDermid said that since the publication of the White Paper he had appointed his internal team as well as holding discussions with external teams on how the work on the projects should be shaping up for the future. He confirmed that it was his intention to meet the Governments targets set out in the White Paper for building the second runway. BAA was consulting on a 'Home Owner Support Scheme' for homeowners whose properties fall within the 66-dBA Leq footprint of the proposed new airport runway.

He further informed the Members that BAA was aware of the Council's stance on building the second runway and that they respected the fact that the Council was in a uniquely difficult position, as on one hand it was considering

Judicial Review and was also responsible for considering the planning application.

He stressed the fact that the BAA valued its relationship with the Council and would continue discussions and sharing of information.

The Chairman suggested that the Members should firstly direct their questions at Chris Butler.

In response to Councillor Cheetham, Chris said that BAA was looking at the best practices for the bus station project and that they were considering multi decking structure. The planning application would be submitted by October. The X40 bus service was not used by many people and BAA was withdrawing its support for this service as the operator had stated that it was not viable to continue.

In response to Councillor Godwin, Chris confirmed that the new noise pen would have blast deflectors on two sides.

Councillor Dean said that BAA should give a clear statement of what S106 obligations they would complete and when. Chris said that if BAA entered into a commitment whether it was a legal requirement or not they would fulfil it. Councillor Thawley welcomed the move by BAA to bring forward some of the projects and to complete these projects before the deadlines.

Councillor Corke expressed concern at the fact that some airlines which were banned in parts of Europe for safety reasons could be free to fly to Stansted. Chris said that CAA monitored carefully all airlines that fly to the UK and they ensured that safety criteria were always met.

The Members then directed their questions at Alastair McDermid regarding Generation 2 Project.

Councillor Cheetham expressed surprise at the statement made by Alastair that he was hoping to meet the Government's time table for building the second runway. Alastair said that the White Paper had set a timetable and he would try to achieve this.

Councillor Murphy said that the Council remained totally opposed to a second runway would make the process as challenging as possible.

The Chairman inquired whether a counterpart had been appointed at Heathrow Airport for the possible additional runway. He also inquired whether BAA was aware of the Government's proposals for allowing the local authority to get a share of business rates for economic developments in their area.

Alastair said that BAA had appointed a similar person at Heathrow Airport.

Councillor Cheetham said that many people had not received information booklets regarding 'Home Ownership Support Scheme' so BAA should consider extending the deadline further.

Alastair said that if lots of people requested extending the deadline then BAA would consider it sympathetically.

The Chairman thanked Chris Butler and Alastair McDermid for their discussion with the Council and he confirmed that the Council's welcomed dialogue with BAA.

SA29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors M L Foley, R F Freeman and G Sell.

The following Members declared their interest as members of SSE and drew attention to the dispensation from the Standards Committee:-

Councillors K R Artus, D Corke, J F Cheetham, A Dean, E J Godwin, J P Murphy, A R Thawley and P A Wilcock.

SA30 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2003 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SA31 THE SECOND RUNWAY - WHAT STRATEGY SHOULD THE COUNCIL NOW ADOPT?

Members considered a report which invited the Panel to review progress in implementing the Council's decision of 26 January 2004 re-affirming its opposition to a second runway and to consider how best to take forward its strategy.

Members considered various options and requested a further report at the next meeting.

SA32 THE PLANNING APPLICATION PROCESS POST 25 mppa

Roger Harborough reported the process that would be followed in determining applications for planning permission for maximum use of the existing runway and the construction of a second runway with associated facilities. The report was noted.

SA33 BAA STANSTED HOME OWNER SUPPORT SCHEME: A CONSULTATION

Will Cockerell informed the Members that BAA Stansted was currently consulting on a "Home Owner Support Scheme" designed to enable owner occupiers of properties whose value maybe significantly affected by the proposed new runway to sell their homes without financial penalty before the runway opens. The scheme was voluntary and the report summarised the

proposals and suggested a number of areas where comments on the proposals may be appropriate.

In addition to the matters in the report, it was decided to request an extension of the consultation period to the end of May, to provide more comment on relevant noise impact, to provide more information on the impact on the Council's housing stock and its tenants, and to keep the latter informed. It was agreed the Council's draft response should be shared with relevant parish councils and others.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 the Director of Community Services, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Panel and the Chairman of the Environment and Transport Committee be authorised to make a suitable response on the Consultation document as the closing date for a response was before the next meeting of the Environment and Transport Committee.

SA34 **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. The information in this report was up to date as at 4 March 2004. The Council was monitoring the progress of over 70 obligations. A summary chart had been prepared. Members requested improvements in the presentation of the information in future. The report was noted.

SA35 **NIGHT RESTRICTIONS FORUM AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING-PROGRESS REPORT**

Will Cockerell informed the Members that the Department of Transport had held a forum meeting on the 27 February 2004 to share information amongst people with an interest in night flight and to discuss some of the issues with airline industry representatives, local government representatives, and the Aviation Environment Federation. The progress report was noted.

SA36 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26 April 2004.

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm.