

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on 26 JULY 2004**

Present: Councillor P A Wilcock – Chairman.  
Councillors J F Cheetham, R M Lemon, J P Murphy and  
G Sell

Also present: Councillors C D Down and E Tealby-Watson.

Officers in attendance: R Harborough, J Pine and M T Purkiss

Also in attendance: Chris Butler (Business Development and Planning  
Director STAL) and Alastair McDermid (Director of Stansted Generation II  
Project BAA)

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**PROGRESS REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed Chris Butler and Alastair McDermid 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 with the Generation II Project.

Chris Butler reported that passenger numbers by 30 June had reached 20.1 million in the previous 12 month period which gave an average load of 123 passengers per Passenger Air Transport Movement. There were 175,867 ATM's, of which 163,843 were PATMs and 12,024 were cargo movements. The number of movements did not include General Aviation activity.

He reported that BAA had issued legal proceedings against Ryanair for money which was owed to them. He said that air quality had been monitored during the period November – January and all the analysis fell within the agreed national air quality standards.

He said that 49% of journeys to the Airport had been made by private cars, 3.5% by car hire, 7.7% by taxi and 38.6% by public transport. He was particularly pleased with the increase in the percentage of journeys now being made by public transport.

He said that the Radisson SAS Hotel project was on schedule and the first phase of 350 bedrooms would open in August and create 200 jobs. He added that the Express by Holiday Inn Hotel on the South Gate site would be opening in Spring 2005. The BP filling station on the same site was now open. He reported on progress with the ground run pen and reminded Members that the Development Control Committee had decided that a proposed Visitors Site at Endeavour House was not acceptable on the grounds that it would not afford good views of airport operations for enthusiasts. He expressed disappointment that the opportunity to provide a facility with more space, good access and at an earlier date could not now proceed. He said that the Meet the Buyers event would be held on 22/23

September. He also reported that it was hoped to set up the Community Trust in advance of the dates required and updated Members regarding contributions towards affordable housing.

In relation to the planning application for 25+ mppa he said that the Scoping Report had been produced and included provision for a health impact study. He said that it was still hoped to submit the planning application by Spring 2005 and he wished to have a dialogue with councillors at an early stage.

Chris Butler then responded to a number of questions from Members. Councillor Sell referred to the problems with recruitment at the retail outlets at the Airport and said that he understood that some staff were being recruited through an Agency from Manilla.

He referred to some problems with staff and asked whether BAA felt any responsibility for the welfare of these workers. Chris Butler said that he was in close contact with the concessionaires and asked Councillor Sell to pass on the details of the problems so that he could take these matters up.

Councillor Lemon said that as Stansted Airport employed a large number of people either at or near the minimum wage this had an impact on recruitment by other businesses in the area. Chris Butler outlined the elements of the airport's recruitment strategies, which included training and Travelcard initiatives.

Councillor Cheetham asked if BAA would consider having a display in the terminal building of artefacts found in the archaeological excavations around Stansted.

Chris Butler said that he would prefer to display these in the Visitors' Centre.

Alastair McDermid then updated Members with progress regarding the Stansted Generation II Project.

He referred to appointments made to the Environmental Impact Assessment Team and said that issues around the health study were still being discussed. He envisaged opening discussions with the Council in September/October about the scope of this.

He said that BAA had appointed Grimshaw Architects to take the lead on developing a master plan for the Airport and preparing options. He said that National Air Traffic Services had started work on the design of airspace and in relation to road and rail studies five surface access models were being prepared and would be discussed with stakeholders. He hoped that it would be possible to focus on solutions rather than features of respective models when the issue came to an Inquiry.

He said that applications were still being received for the Home Value Guarantee Scheme and these were being processed (about 30 in total). The consultation period on the Home Owners Support Scheme closed at the end of May and 300 responses had been received. He said that it was proving difficult to see a clear pattern of preferences in the responses but it was hoped to complete the analysis by September.

In relation to road and rail studies, Councillor Sell referred to problems with developing Liverpool Street and said that more rail capacity was needed and the study needed to take into account onward travel. In response to a question from Councillor Tealby-Watson, Alastair McDermid said that he would report back on how far north the models would cover. He acknowledged that the surface access models did not give enough information about London area effects and that there was a capacity issue on the rail network between London and Stansted. He suggested however that the issue for public transport links between the airport and destinations outside London was the viability of services.

**SA56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K R Artus, D Corke, A Dean, M L Foley, R F Freeman, E J Godwin and A R Thawley.

Councillors J F Cheetham, J P Murphy, G Sell and P A Wilcock declared their interests as members of SSE and drew attention to the dispensation from the Standards Committee.

**SA57 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2004 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**SA58 BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) SA51 (4) - Airport Master Plans**

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager reported that the guidance had now been published and outlined its key points. It was agreed that this matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Advisory Panel.

**(ii) SA52 – 25 MPPA Plus Planning Application**

It was noted that the scoping report would be considered at the Environment Committee on 14 September 2004.

**SA58 LEGAL CHALLENGE UPDATE**

Members received an update on the legal challenge to the Government White Paper on the Future Of Aviation. It was noted that the next stage would be for the Government to file its evidence and detailed grounds of resistance. The airport operators had to do likewise. The Council and its co-claimants would then have the opportunity to consider this. The hearing would be on the first available slot after 29 November and had been set aside for six days. The judge had asked that the matter be listed as one of urgency.

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## **REGIONAL PLANNING STUDIES**

Members considered extracts from the Halcrow/PACEC Initial Findings Report and the Cambridge Econometrics draft reports of the employment and housing impacts of a second runway being prepared for the Government Office for the East of England. The studies looked at the difference between the number of dwellings required and the number of jobs required in a range of scenarios. Members expressed concern at the range of possible implications depending on assumptions and methodology used and noted that it did not include the impact that London could have in providing employees to Stansted.

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## **DEVELOPMENT OF BUS AND COACH OPERATIONS**

Members considered a detailed report on current progress with the development of bus and coach operations at the Airport. It was noted that the study required under the 25 mppa obligations prepared for STAL by Halcrow had identified several fairly strong possibilities for new services and that operators had been invited to submit business cases. It was noted that the National Express A9 service between Stratford and Stansted was performing well. The Bus and Coach Working Group of the Stansted Area Transport Forum was currently evaluating a business case for a Southend to Stansted coach service, which had been identified in the Halcrow study as a service that should be viable quickly. An application for planning permission for the Airport's new public transport interchange would be submitted by the end of October 2004 in line with the relevant obligation. Prior to submission, it was BAA's intention to give an informal presentation of the proposals both to the Uttlesford Transport Forum and the Bus and Coach Working Group.

The Policy and Development Control Liaison Officer reported on progress with real time information and said that shortly following the opening of the new A120, bus journey times along the B1256 had been reduced and discussions would be held on revised timetables. Councillor Murphy said that the operators should be encouraged to provide buses for staff who had late finishes at the Airport. Members noted the report and asked that BAA be requested to provide funding for a replacement to the First X40 service and to look at providing buses for staff who were finishing late at the Airport. The Panel was also concerned at the lateness of informal presentations on the new interchange in relation to the date of submission of a planning application.

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

Members received a comprehensive report setting out the actions and monitoring of those parts of the agreement that had taken place to date. Members expressed concern at the programme for implementing many of the areas for action, taking into account the current airport throughput of 20.1 mppa and the revised forecast that 25 mppa would be reached in 2006/7,

rather than 2012. The Chairman said that Councillor Artus had asked that all monitoring activities were included in one document. Officers said that this would be done and a quarterly report would be made. Councillor Artus had also suggested that an air quality management area (AQMA) was needed around Stansted similar to those at Gatwick and Heathrow. The Policy and Conservation Manager outlined the statutory basis for AQMAs and the statutory guidance on relevant considerations, which included nationally set objectives for specified pollutants.

## SA62 **AGENDA OF STACC MEETING ON 28 JULY 2004**

The Chairman said that the main item on the Agenda for this meeting was the suggested merger of the STACC Community Fund and the Stansted Airport Community Trust Fund. The STACC Fund received monies from fines for breaching peak noise decibel limits on take off. The Trust Fund would receive an annual contribution from Stansted Airport Ltd of £100,000 for seven years increasing in line with inflation. Whilst Members did not object to one committee dealing with both funds, it was pointed out that the geographic area for each fund was different. The Trust Fund related to the Uttlesford and Harlow districts, and other areas within 10 miles of the airport whilst the STACC Fund was restricted to a 10 mile radius of the Airport. It was therefore considered that the two funds needed to be kept separate so that the income from noise fines could be targeted at the most affected areas.

Councillor Cheetham also said that a number of residents had expressed concern at the Mori poll and she asked that due note be taken of local feeling about the type of questions being asked.

## SA63 **NIGHT FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

It was noted that the consultation period ended on 29 October and it was agreed that this matter be considered at the next meeting on 6 September 2004.

## SA64 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The following items would be included as Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Presentation by Glyn Pritchard, Associate Director of Public Health, UPCT on health issues
- Scoping Report
- Master Plan
- Night Flight Restrictions
- Report on a possible traffic reduction strategy for the airport.

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## **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 6 September 2004 starting at 7.30 p.m.

It was further agreed that a meeting would be held on 14 October 2004 to consider a presentation from Morris Millstead about noise and noise related matters. This meeting to start at 5 pm and the meeting scheduled for 25 October to be cancelled.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.