

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30pm on 25 APRIL 2005**

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

Officers in attendance: V Borges, W Cockerell, R Harborough, and J Pine.

Also present for the presentations: Chris Bennet (SSE), Chris Butler (BAA Stansted) and Maurice Milstead.

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**PRESENTATION ON A NOISE LIMITATION STRATEGY FOR STANSTED AIRPORT**

The Chairman welcomed Maurice Milstead who was a technical advisor to STACC and represented its interests on ANMAC and Chris Bennett from SSE to the Panel. He invited them to give a presentation of their ideas for a noise limitation strategy for Stansted Airport in the context of its proposed rapid expansion. The presentation advocated that instead of the current planning controls on air noise, which limit the area of the 57 LAeq 16 hour contour, consideration be given to QC based noise energy limits linked to passenger throughput thresholds. It also sought the use additional metrics that describe noise in a recognisable way, such as number of noise events above relevant thresholds and time noise energy exceeds thresholds such as 65dB per 16 hour day. Mr Milstead cautioned against using interference with speech as an indicator because of the complexities involved in such an assessment, which he explained to the Panel.

Councillor Wilcock thanked Maurice Milstead and Chris Bennett for their informative proposals. It was agreed that a copy of the presentation slides would be distributed amongst Panel Members.

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**BAA STANSTED – PRESENTATION ON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING ISSUES**

The Chairman welcomed Chris Butler to the Panel and invited him to give his presentation on the business development and planning issues at the airport. Chris Butler informed the Panel of the following end of year figures

- Passengers (moving annual total) – 21.2m
- PATMs – 165,116
- Cargo – 11,687
- ATM – 176,803
- 130 destinations
- 2 new airlines to commence scheduled services in June to respectively destinations in Scotland and Turkey.

He then updated the Panel on the implementation of the May 2003 section 106 agreement and BAA's proposed interim master plan, financial local community support and rail and parking commitments. He informed the

Panel that the arrival patterns map previously included in the property pack for homebuyers had been withdrawn and a full review of how to provide accurate information was taking place. He then handed the Panel an update from Alistair McDermid, which gave a brief summary of the current position on airport design, surface access, environmental assessment, and work programme.

The Panel thanked Chris Butler for attending and updating them on the business development and planning issues. Councillor Cheetham raised a concern regarding empty houses and Chris informed the Panel that it was not in BAA Stansted's best interest to have the houses empty and he agreed to look into this issue. Councillor Wilcock asked Chris Butler if in future he could provide his presentation to the Panel in writing in advance to enable the Panel to consider any issues before the opportunity to ask questions. He agreed to do so. In response to a question from Councillor Artus, Chris informed Members that BAA would announce the options for any alternative runway positions it is studying as soon as BAA was ready. Its programme anticipated consultation in the summer period this year but this was a challenging programme. Consultation on master plans would include exhibitions locally in village halls.

#### SA 103 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillors K Artus, J F Cheetham and R M Lemon declared their interests as members of SSE and drew attention to the dispensation from the Standards Committee.

#### SA 104 **MONITORING OF THE SECTION 106 AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF STANSTED AIRPORT FROM 15 – 25 MMPA**

The Policy and Development Control Liaison Officer introduced the report, which advised the Panel on the progress that had been made over the compliance with the Agreement obligations. He explained that the report was one of a regular series and was up to date as of 15 April. He said that the new layout of the report had been changed from its previous diary layout to a tabular one assessing each part and paragraph of the Agreement in order.

He informed the Panel that no start had been made on the development and no planning conditions had yet been triggered. He said that all the obligations that had been triggered had been complied with, apart from the requirement to apply for planning permission for a visitors' centre in the terms envisaged in the Agreement. An alternative proposal to locate this at Endeavour House had been refused. The Panel encouraged exploration of the potential of the old control tower. All other obligations likely to be triggered were on target and officers would monitor progress to ensure they remained on track.

Members congratulated Officers on the structure and contents of the report and suggested that it should be made available on the Internet.

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### **DEFRA CONSULTATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE (2002/49/EC)**

The Panel considered the report from SASIG on the consultation document on the implementation of the Environmental Noise Directive (END) 2002/49/EC. It was explained that the END would deal with the assessment and management of environmental noise, through the production of strategic noise maps and action plans. The report laid out the main points, highlighted the elements relating to airports, and set the timescales involved.

It was highlighted that in relation to Stansted Airport it was proposed that noise maps would be produced by June 2007 and action plans by July 2008. The Panel was informed that Officers would respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council through endorsing or qualifying the full response that SASIG proposed to make. Officers informed the Panel that the deadline for the response was by 16 May. Officers felt that the consultation was an opportunity to press for noise mapping below the proposed 55 dBLden threshold, consistent with the recommendations of the World Health Organisation on community noise. The Panel commented that the response should also seek the use of other metrics for the measurement of noise in addition to the Lden metric required in the END.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDIES OF FURTHER GROWTH AT STANSTED WITHIN THE CAPACITY OF ITS EXISTING SINGLE RUNWAY – BAA STANSTED'S RESPONSE TO SCOPING OPINION**

The Panel considered the report, which contained a table and letter of responses from BAA on the points made in the Council's Scoping Opinion.

Officers informed the Panel that if essential information was lacking when the application was submitted this could formally be requested from the applicant at that stage. Inadequate information could represent grounds for refusal. Officers would continue to press BAA to follow the advice in the Scoping Opinion, involving the consultants appointed to advise the Council. They added that it would also be possible for the local authorities to commission studies using alternative air noise metrics, for example, as advocated in the earlier presentation to the Panel. Members commented that it would be preferable if BAA provided the information sought.

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### **STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Panel raised concerns over the clarity of the minutes taken at the meeting of the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee, which was held on 13 April 2005. They added that some important points made at the meeting had not been recorded in the minutes at all. Councillor Wilcock informed the Panel that minute 6 Public Participation at Meetings of STACC did not reflect the

views of the Committee and added that he would raise recommendation one at the next meeting. Members added that the issue of the cost of Stansted Airport on Uttlesford District tax paying residents would be raised. Officers had begun the process of exploring the situation at other airports through SASIG.

SA 108 **LETTER OF RESPONSE FROM BAA STANSTED ON SAAP QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BAA STANSTED SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2003/04**

The Panel considered a letter of response regarding the points and questions raised by the Panel at a previous meeting regarding the BAA Stansted Sustainability Report 2003/04.

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager informed the Panel that he would respond to Chris Butler on the reason for Members' request for the quantity of fuel supplied to airlines at Stansted.

SA 109 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR REPORTS**

The Chairman informed the Panel that there would be an interim meeting to be held on 13 June 2005. The Panel requested that Andrew Burke from NATS be invited to the meeting to give a presentation on airspace management and flight paths.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm