

**EXTRAORDINARY STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at
COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on
24 APRIL 2006**

Present:- Councillor P A Wilcock – Chairman.
Councillors K R Artus, C A Cant, M L Foley, R M Lemon, G Sell,
A R Thawley, and A M Wattebot.

Officers in attendance:- W Cockerell, R Harborough, J Pine and C Roberts.

SA37 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J F Cheetham and A Dean.

Councillor Lemon declared an interest as a member of the National Trust.

SA38 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 27 February 2006 were signed and approved as a correct record.

SA39 BUSINESS ARISING

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager informed the meeting that he had met with R Pelman of BAA on behalf of the four authorities to talk through the joint response to its consultation. BAA would undertake further technical work on: the extent of land take, the separation of the runways, landscaping on the boundaries and the issue of a 2500 metre long runway before it decided on its proposal in the summer.

In answer to a question from Councillor Thawley the Principal Environmental Health Officer explained that the health impact assessment currently being prepared included areas for future study. This would inform the priorities for a RANCH study.

SA40 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATION FOR INCREASED USE

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager said that he expected delivery of the planning application imminently. It would request permission under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to vary the condition limiting the number of passengers per annum to no more than 264,000, and to remove limitation on the number of passengers per annum. He added that the arrangements for considering the application appeared in a supplement to "Uttlesford Life" and he circulated the relevant extract. The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager stressed the importance of discussions taking place only within the framework of these arrangements to ensure proper public scrutiny. He explained the likely form of the application and the fact that it would be open to the Committee to impose conditions to address the effects of change.

Members were concerned about having adequately prepared logistics to cater for the likely large number of people wishing to attend the meetings to consider the application, and a request was made for sessions in the morning, afternoon and evening so that it could be more accessible to the general public.

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager anticipated that information would need to be obtained from BAA once the application had been submitted. Henceforth, however, all discussion of use of the existing runway must take place in the Development Control Committee. The Chairman explained that issues of aviation, noise and pollution could still be discussed but not the planning application. Members requested to be kept informed of the examination of the planning application by means of a brief "Progress" agenda item for information only.

SA41 **CONSULTATIONS BY GOVERNMENT BODIES ON AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT RELATED MATTERS**

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager circulated lists of current and recent D of T and CAA aviation related consultations with briefing material from SASIG and Members commented that it was most important to remain in touch with developments in the European Union, both as regards the emission trading schemes and for air traffic management systems. The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager added that the agenda of the Directorate General for energy was about addressing the fragmentation of arrangements for air control liberalisation and deregulation of air transport and the contribution of the aircraft industry in the EU to social and economic integration. It was essential to see this in its environmental context.

It was suggested that this should be discussed at a future meeting of the Panel.

SA42 **CIVIL AVIATION BILL**

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager informed the meeting that this Bill which would enable the Government to limit night flying restrictions only by reference to quota count points and not on the number of movements as well, had undergone part of its journey through Parliament. It would return to the House of Commons from the Lords in May.

Members commented that it was a very unpopular move.

SA43 **PLANNING OBLIGATIONS MONITORING RE STANSTED EXPANSION FROM 15-25 mppa**

The Policy and Development Control Liaison Officer informed the meeting that the shelter location to serve platform 2 on the railway station had now been agreed, but despite the Council's suggestion to use the old control tower as a visitor centre, that matter remained unresolved.

SA44 **ITEMS FOR STACC 26 APRIL 2006**

Members discussed the voluntary compensation schemes put in place by BAA and reiterated their concerns about the definition of the borders to the eligible areas. Officers would liaise with the Executive Manager (Housing) over compensation arrangements for affected Council owned properties.

SA45 **POSTER/BANNER**

Councillor Thawley reported receipt of a poster urging people to pledge themselves to fight the second runway. Councillor Foley explained that it was for display in the Council buildings and added that he would like to see a banner going up too.

SA46 **WORKING GROUPS**

Members discussed the possible continuation of Groups such as STAAP and the SERAS Steering Group (Airport Policy Advisory Working Group) and the Chairman agreed to discuss the issues with the Leader and Chief Executive so that appropriate action could be taken at the Council meeting in May 2006.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.