

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 5.30 pm on 6 JUNE 2006**

Present:- Councillors K R Artus, C A Cant, J F Cheetham, E J Godwin,  
R M Lemon, G Sell, A R Thawley, A M Wattebot and  
P A Wilcock.

Officers in attendance:- W Cockerell, R Harborough, J Pine, M T Purkiss  
and J Roos.

**SA1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING**

In the absence of the Chairman, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor P A Wilcock be elected Chairman for the  
meeting.

**SA2 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dean and M L Foley.

Councillor Cheetham declared an interest as a member of NWEPPA and the  
Management Committee of Hatfield Forest. Councillor Thawley declared an  
interest as a member of CPRE and the National Trust. Councillor Lemon  
declared an interest as a member of the National Trust and Councillor Wilcock  
as a member of the CPRE.

**SA3 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2006 were approved as a correct  
record and signed by the Chairman.

**SA4 BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute SA41 Consultations by Government on Airport  
Development related matters**

Councillor Artus said that the statement in the Minutes of the last SASIG  
meeting had been very misleading and appeared to be contrary to that  
Group's previous policy on cross subsidisation. He asked that a letter be sent  
to all those involved advising them of this anomaly. The Planning Policy and  
Conservation Manager said that now the facts had been established, he  
would be able to write to Members of SASIG in an informed way.

Councillor Cheetham said that the matter had been raised at a meeting of the  
four authorities earlier in the day and the other representatives would attend  
the next meeting of SASIG and ask that the matter be rectified. She also  
asked that a letter be sent to the Chairman of SASIG setting out the Council's

position and stating that we would be asking for clarification of the Minute at the July meeting.

(ii) **Minute SA42 Civil Aviation Bill**

Members noted that the Secretary of State for Transport had today announced the details of the night restrictions regime to apply from 29 October 2006 until 2012 at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports. Under the regime, the number of movements permitted at all three airports would not increase above the levels permitted at present whilst the quota count would reduce reflecting the scope for the introduction of quieter aircraft during the next six years. It was noted that the limits allowed significant growth in night flying compared to the current level of operations.

(iii) **Minute SA44 Items for STACC**

Councillor Cheetham said that compensation arrangements were of great concern and she hoped that provision would be made to compensate any council tenants that were displaced. Officers would pursue this matter with the Executive Manager Housing Services and arrange for a report to be considered at a future meeting of the Community Committee.

(iv) **Minute SA45 Poster/Banner**

Councillors Cheetham and Godwin said that they had previously asked that car stickers and other publicity material should be produced and had asked the planning officers to see what could be achieved in relation to displaying a banner. Councillor Sell said that the community expected the Council to do more and Councillor Lemon added that the perception in Hatfield Heath was that the Council did not care. Councillor Cheetham suggested that in the first instance a display board should be placed in the reception area at the London Road Offices.

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager said that it was important not to compromise the Council's role as an impartial regulator. He added that communication consultants had been engaged to advise on the best way forward and a meeting was being held on 7 June 2006. It was agreed that the consultants would be advised of Members' concerns and the response of the consultants and their proposals for the way forward would be taken to an urgent meeting of the Airport Policy Group. Members also asked that they should be advised of what action could be taken in relation to the display of a banner.

SA5 **NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES**

Consideration of this matter was deferred as Andrew Burke was unable to attend the meeting.

SA6 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND AVIATION**

Jake Roos explained the causes and impact of climate change, the Government's response and the findings of research by the Tyndall Centre which had examined five scenarios for aviation growth to 2050. He also drew attention to conflicting objectives of Government White Papers and concluded that growth in aviation must be curtailed in order to meet emissions targets.

Members expressed their thanks to Jake Roos for the excellent presentation and asked that a copy of it be emailed to Members. It was also suggested that the Member Champion on climate change issues should be asked to take on board the contribution of aviation to climate change.

**SA7                    PROGRESS REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager reported on progress with the planning application UTT/0717/06/FUL. He said that the first special meeting of the Development Control Committee had been held on 24 May 2006 outlining BAA's assessment of the environmental impacts, and over 40 members of the public had attended. He advised Members of the future work programme for that Committee.

**SA8                    DELIBERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL POLICY IN RELATION TO THE AIRPORT**

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager submitted a report advising Members of the statutory procedure and other requirements to be complied with in developing policy about the airport.

Members expressed some concern at the narrow focus of the Advisory Panel and felt that it should be able to have a broad remit to discuss all aspects of aviation which affect Stansted. Councillor Thawley agreed that the Panel should be able to formulate policies which could then be recommended to the appropriate committee of the Council.

Members asked that the Planning Policy and Conservation Manager liaise with the Chairman of the Panel to draw up a work programme for the year ahead.

**SA9                    BAA**

The Chairman referred to the proposed takeover of BAA by Ferrovial and said that the Panel needed an understanding of the implications and asked that the matter be considered at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm.