

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30pm on 25 July 2006**

Present: Councillor A Dean – Chairman.  
Councillors C A Cant, J F Cheetham, M L Foley, R M Lemon  
and P A Wilcock.

Officers in attendance: W Cockerell, R Harborough and V M Harvey.

**SA10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K R Artus, E J Godwin, A R Thawley and A M Wattebot.

Councillor Cheetham declared an interest as a member of Hatfield Forest Management Committee and NWEPPHA.

Councillor Dean declared an interest as a member of SSE.

Councillor Foley declared an interest as a member of NWEPPHA.

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

Councillor Wilcock declared an interest as a member of CPRE.

Councillor Cant declared an interest as the Council's representative on Uttlesford PCT.

**SA11 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2006 were received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**SA12 MATTERS ARISING**

**(i) Minute SA4(iii) - Minute SA44 Items for STAAC**

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager reported that the Executive Manager (Housing Services) had commenced discussions with BAA in 2004 after the White Paper had been published. Under the proposal BAA would buy the Council's housing stock in the proposed extended airport boundary, the tenants would be re-housed elsewhere, and the vacated houses might possibly be leased back to the council as short term accommodation for the homeless. Any further discussions regarding this proposal had come to a halt pending a decision by BAA as to which airport layout option it might pursue through the planning system.

**(ii) Minute SA6 Climate Change Review**

The Energy Efficiency Officer would be asked to provide an update on any significant developments on climate change.

**(iii) Minute SA8 Deliberative Development of Council Policy in Relation to the Airport**

Members were requested to pass any thoughts on the matter to the Planning Policy Manager.

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**SASIG POSITION ON CAA'S POLICY APPROACH TO THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF BAA'S LONDON AIRPORTS AND THE ISSUE OF CROSS SUBSIDISATION**

A response had been received from SASIG following the letter dated June 2006; the result was a report to the Chairman's Advisory Group. This highlighted the issue of the extent to which there should or should not be a cross subsidy between BAA's three London Airports. The report acknowledged that SASIG's response to the CAA. did not oppose cross subsidisation between BAA's London Airports and that this "has caused some concern to at least one authority in the Stansted area". The report stated the view of SASIG's director that cross subsidisation could enable higher quality development at Stansted including better mitigation. SASIG had tried to take an overview of the issue across the three London airports. Members noted that subsequently the CAA had said that it did not intend to allow cross subsidisation between airports.

Councillor Wilcock had raised the issue at the Chairman's Advisory Group meeting. He said that Uttlesford emphatidid not support cross subsidisation. He suspected however that SASIG would not revise its position when it met in September .

Councillor Cheetham said Uttlesford District Council needed to make clear that it did not support cross subsidisation.

The Planning Policy Manager said that it would be important to consider the CAA's proposals for economic regulation, which were expected in December.

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**CIVIL AVIATION BILL**

The Planning Policy Manager said the Civil Aviation Bill was to return to the House of Commons in October. It had been reported via SASIG that the Government would now not seek to re-instate the clause enabling it to set night flying restrictions at Stansted without reference to air transport movements.

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**COUNCIL'S COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

The Planning Policy Manager outlined the strategy that had been implemented since the last meeting of STAAP, which was to focus on web

and other ICT based media. The Stansted Explained website dedicated to airport issues was up and running successfully. The web casts of the public engagement week had been very successful, with an average of 118 people watching the web casts live. Further hits had been recorded as people logged on to access the archived webcasts. Users had included the community, businesses and BAA.

Councillor Foley praised the website for opening accessibility to the process, although he said the Council needed to be mindful to not exclude those people without computers. He said he had received a good response from Thaxted,

Councillor Cant said she had had received many emails from local residents as well as people from other parts of the country thanking her for the opportunity to voice their views. She reiterated Councillor Foley's point and said that people still needed to be contacted through conventional methods.

Councillor Cheetham suggested an update go in the next edition of Uttlesford Life. The Planning Policy Manager agreed and said Parish Councils should also have regular updates.

Members were happy with the website and the communication strategy.

#### SA16 **BAA NEWS RELEASES**

The BAA news release dated 13 July 2006 stated that ADI had confirmed its commitment to a second runway at Stansted and Stephen Nelson had been appointed Chief Executive of BAA following Mike Clasper's decision to step down and take on an advisory role for one year.

#### SA17 **ITEMS FOR STAAC**

Councillor Wilcock said the next meeting of STAAC was to be held on 26 July. The items to be discussed included:

1. Airport Development Issues – views on the full use of runway one. STAAC is recommended by its sub committee to support the continuation of a limit on passenger throughput at 35 mppa as well the proposed revised ATM limit.
2. Airspace change process – the CAA had recently undertaken a consultation on the process for considering changes. It was understood that changes to airspace management in the London north east sector (including an extensive area of the East of England) would be subject to full consultation early in 2007.
3. Section 106 Monitoring Report – the latest version available of the report as previously presented to the Council's Development Control Committee would be reported. Councillor Cheetham asked that the status of the visitor centre be raised and enquiries made as to progress with a proposal.
4. Stansted Airport Community Trust Fund – Councillor Wilcock was going to express concern that the money from the noise and track keeping fines had not been transferred to the Trust Fund and that now

administration of fines was now managed centrally outstanding monies were being written off in some cases.

5. Noise and Track Keeping Working Group – noise and track keeping fines needed increasing to take account of inflation.
6. Airline Consultative Committee – the ACC and IATA currently had no representation on STAAC. Councillor Wilcock suggested that the Airline Consultative Committee be invited to speak to STAAP at a future meeting, to explain in particular the perspective of the low cost carriers within its membership

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### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Foley said at the last meeting of the Development Control Committee during the public engagement week, Chris Bennett from SSE had drawn attention to incidents with arrivals that had not been recorded by BAA as noise complaints. He said a number of people had incurred this problem, and as far as he was aware only certain trigger words in messages actually got the incident logged as a complaint. Councillor Wilcock said he had raised this issue with Noise and Track Keeping Working Group and it had been clarified that complaints could not be logged as such until an investigation had been undertaken into a reported incident and then categorised.

Councillor Lemon asked that the Noise and Track Keeping monitoring system be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.