

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30 pm on 5 March 2007**

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

Officers in attendance: - W Cockerell, R Harborough, A Lee-Moore,
E O'Malley and M Purkiss

SA33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E J Godwin and
A R Thawley.

SA34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J F Cheetham declared a personal non prejudicial interest as a
member of NWEHPA.

Councillors P A Wilcock and A Dean declared a personal non prejudicial
interest as members of SSE.

SA35 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2007 were agreed and
signed by the chairman as a correct record.

SA35 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute SA29 - Charging for pick up in the Short Stay Car Park

Members asked whether there had been an update on this matter. The
Planning Policy and Conservation Manager reported that no further response
had been received from BAA retail director. Councillor Cheetham said that
members had previously agreed that the first 15 minutes in the short stay car
park should remain free, and Councillor Wilcock added that the introduction of
charges was not good marketing or public relations for the Airport. It was
agreed to press BAA Stansted for a written response.

(ii) Minute SA24 Home Owners Guaranteed Scheme

Councillors J Cheetham and C Cant had arranged a meeting with the
Councils Conservation Officer. It was noted that the properties were actually
subject of the Home Value Guarantee Scheme, not the HOSS.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Members discussed the report provided on Climate Change. The report advised Members on the proceedings of a working party meeting on science and policy developments in relation to climate change.

Councillor A Dean said that whilst there was still some confusion over what could be discussed at the Inquiry about Climate Change, it remained clear that Members could only argue on the policy as it stands. The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager explained that the DFT had responded to the council that its Emissions Cost Assessment was still at its early stage of development, and it appeared there was no new information at this stage.

Members noted that the Council would hold a conference on Climate Change after the District Election. It was noted that all Members should be advised of the proposal.

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AMBIENT NOISE STUDY

The Principal Environmental Health Officer gave a presentation to Members on the recent Ambient Noise Study and its findings. This was then compared to the 1981 survey which had been carried out before the last Public Inquiry for the development of Stansted Airport.

The 1981 study measured a wide range of Ln parameters and hourly Leq measurements, the 2006 study measured L10, L90 and hourly Leq. The runway orientation in 1981 was not known but weather conditions including wind direction were recorded and BAA Stansted provided runway use data for the 2006 study. During this summer period there were runway resurfacing works taking place which closed the airport on Saturday and Sunday nights from midnight to 6am and reduced the length of the runway on Monday to Wednesday nights which restricted the types of aircraft which could operate between those times.

The two data sets provided the Panel with a contrast between the two survey periods but were not directly comparable and only represented a 'snap shot' of the noise climate, but as a series showed changes to the ambient noise level in the past 25 years and could now be used to draw generalised conclusions. The 2006 data could also be used to give an indication of the accuracy of modelled contours for aircraft using the airport now that summer westerly and summer easterly 16hr air noise contours are now available. The data could also be used to characterise the difference between the use of runway 05 and 23 on the sites.

Members noted that there had been a clear increase of about 10 db in 2006 compared to the previous study carried out in 1981. This meant the perceived noise level had doubled despite the quieter aircraft now used. Officers suggested that further readings should be at new locations in Spring/Summer to provide further information.

The Chairman comment that this report had given the Council valuable information and suggested that in the further study, schools should be

included. Councillor Foley agreed and pointed out that on a previous visit by him to a Thaxted primary school many of the children had complained of sleep disturbance due to the aircraft noise. Councillor Cheetham requested that the study on schools be carried out in the school holiday periods, when airport noise could clearly be heard.

It was requested by Members that a plan of further study work be circulated as soon as possible.

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BAA's G2 PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager gave an oral report on the BAA G2 Project Announcement to the Panel. He displayed a plan showing BAA's proposal for two runways and explained how these would be utilised. Members noted that due to the relationship of the runways there would be potential to move easily from a segregated mode to a mixed mode.

He explained that the recently announced proposals cost less than the original Government estimate and the additional land required had reduced to 486 hectares compared to the original Government figure of 700 hectares.

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager then explained the proposals for surface access which would involve the widening of the M11. The plan also illustrated how the motorway and the proposed new junction from the A120 was proposed to link to terminals. In relation to local proposals it was noted that the road from Elsenham to Takeley was proposed to be severed and the realigned route was significantly longer.

Members agreed that the panel would need to meet at a later date to fit in with the consultation period which expired on 5 June.

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STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Members noted the minutes of the STACC held on 24 January 2007.

The STACC meeting taking place 25 April 2007 was discussed. It was agreed that Councillor P Wilcock who was attending would notify Members by email of the contents of the agenda and members were asked to contact him if there were any matters they wished him to raise.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

Councillor Sell asked what action was being taken on fly parking. It was explained that a pilot scheme would be taking place in Takeley. Councillor Foley said that fly parking was now extending as far as Thaxted.

The Chairman went on to thank all Members and officers for their support at STAAP meetings.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm. Page 3