

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 10 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.30 PM**

Present: - Councillor K R Artus (Chairman).  
Councillors E L Bellingham-Smith, C A Cant, J F Cheetham,  
D M Jones, R M Lemon, L A Wells and P A Wilcock.

Officers Present: - W Cockerell, R Harborough, J Mitchell and E O'Malley.

**SAP12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dean, E Godwin and G Sell.

Councillor J F Cheetham declared a personal interest as a member of SSE, NWEPPHA and the National Trust.

Councillor E Bellingham Smith declared a personal interest as a member of the National Trust.

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

Councillor P Wilcock declared a personal interest as a member of CPRE.

**SAP13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**SAP14 MATTERS ARISING**

**(i) Minute SAP 4 G1 INQUIRY AND ISSUES ARISING**

Members requested again that emails be sent drawing Member's attention to sessions of the programme that are likely to be of particular interest. Members also requested that the email includes a link to SSE website, as this has extensive information on the G1 Inquiry.

**(ii) Minute SAP 5 G2 PROPOSALS**

The Director of Development informed Members that a formal report on resources for the G2 Inquiry would be brought to the next meeting of the Airport Policy Working Group.

**(iii) Minute SAP 6 G2 INQUIRY**

Councillor Lemon expressed serious concern about the current progress of the instalment of displays at Great Dunmow offices. Officers agreed that this would be implemented as soon as possible. The Director of Development informed Members that since the last meeting progress had been made into researching into the display of banners on recycling vehicles. The total cost for thirty two banners would be £240.00. However, there was no capacity within the relevant budgets to progress this proposal.

**ACTION:** The Finance and Administration Committee be requested to finance the display of banners on Uttlesford's recycling fleet.

**(iv) Minute SAP 7 MONITORING OF THE 2003 AGREEMENT**

Councillor Cheetham reported that the Development Control Committee had reviewed the 2003 agreement in the context of a report on the Obligations now offered by BAA in relation to the G1 appeal inquiry and conditions tabled.

**(v) Minute SAP 8 CONSULTATIONS**

The Head of Planning and Housing Strategy reported that a response had been sent to BAA.

SAP15 **UPDATE ON G1 INQUIRY**

The Head of Planning and Housing Strategy updated Members on the progress of the G1 Inquiry. Both the SSE and the Airline Consultative Committee have now concluded their case. The points of the case put forward by SSE that proved most useful in support of the Council's reasons for refusal were those regarding noise, carbon emissions and economic benefits. The National Trust's case presented after the summer recess was also helpful. It had pointed to the randomness of noise events at 25 mppa during the period of the day when most people visited Hatfield Forest. The evidence showed that with an increase in aircraft the chances of experiencing some tranquillity would be significantly reduced. If aircraft noise continued to increase then the Trust is concerned that the public would cease to visit Hatfield Forest.

The Head of Housing and Planning Strategy informed Members that there would be time in the Inquiry programme for a round table session on conditions and obligations that parties felt would be justified and necessary should the appeal be allowed. Officers urged Members to attend the conditions and obligations session.

**ACTION:** The Director of Development would advise Members via email of the dates as soon as possible.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reported to Members the results of a survey into the exposure of schools to air noise. Officers had monitored eight schools, but they had not yet received permission to name those schools surveyed. The Principal Environmental Health Officer explained that, assessed against the criteria Building Bulletin 93 Acoustic Guide, four of the schools surveyed would not be built today as they exceeded the relevant Leq dBA limit. The Principal Environmental Health Officer explained that officers were starting to build up an idea of the noise impact of Stansted Airport on schools and that they would be discussing this data collected with the Council's legal team how this information could best be used.

#### SAP16 **UPDATE ON G2 PROPOSALS**

The Head of Planning and Housing Strategy explained that Officers had received a scoping paper from BAA. BAA is currently consulting on the scope and methodology of studies to support its G2 application. It is proposing to provide equivalent information to that included in the G1 studies, and additional studies related to impacts of the proposed land take for the second runway.

The Head of Planning and Housing Strategy distributed an extract of the government's current consultation on its emission cost assessment. The Air Transport Progress Report published in December stated that the ECA would inform major decisions on airport capacity, but the mechanism as set out in the consultation proposals did not appear to fit this purpose. The deadline for responses to the emission cost assessment is 30 October 2007. A draft response would be informed by discussions on this issue in SASIG. This would be an item for the next Panel to be held on 22 October.

Members expressed their continuing concern about the methodology of Health Impact Assessments and strongly advocated local studies.

**ACTION:** Members requested that the Panel's views be raised at the Health Topic Working Group with BAA and its consultants and the West Essex PCT to be held on 14 September.

#### SAP17 **STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2007**

Councillor Wilcock informed Members that there was a new Chairman of STAAC, Stuart Ashhurst and that he had written to all members of the STAAC committee. Members noted that matters would arise from NTKWG, and that they would discuss this item in more detail at the next STAAP meeting on 22 October 2007.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.