

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL meeting held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 7.30 pm on 15 JANUARY 2009**

Present:- Councillor D M Jones – Chairman.  
Councillors C A Cant, J F Cheetham, A Dean, E J Godwin, R M Lemon, G Sell, D G Perry and P A Wilcock.

Officers in attendance:- W Cockerell (Principal Environmental Health Officer), R Harborough (Acting Director of Development), J Pine (Planning Policy and Development Control Liaison Officer) and C Roberts (Democratic Services Officer).

**SAP10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K R Artus.

*Councillor Cheetham declared a personal interest as a member of SSE, the National Trust, and NWEHPA.*

*Councillor Godwin declared a personal interest as a member of SSE.*

*Councillors Dean, Jones and Lemon declared personal interests as members of the National Trust.*

**SAP11 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**SAP12 PRESENTATION – TERMINAL CONTROL NORTH AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

The Chairman welcomed Martin Peachey, who was a member of SSE and was the technical adviser on the Noise and Track Keeping Working Group of STACC.

He described, with expressions of concern, the NATS proposed changes to airspace management which he felt would cause major disturbance in the District, prejudice the interests of the residents and set a most undesirable pattern for the future. The effects of this pattern would be very difficult subsequently to eradicate, incorporating disproportionately more increased mileage and fuel-burn per day over the District and Essex, eroding the remaining tranquil areas in Uttlesford and also in Suffolk, overflying Saffron Walden and affecting low background noise areas in some locations for the first time. He warned that these plans amounted to the fixing of the airspace framework for airport expansion and increase of traffic. Furthermore, the proposals were in breach of Government guidelines to the effect that routes should not change unless to provide a safety or environmental benefit. Mr

Peachey answered questions following the presentation and he strongly recommended that the Council insist upon explanations for the proposed changes to the air routes and increases in traffic concentrations affecting the Uttlesford District before NATS published its proposals.

Councillor Cheetham stressed that the Council should continue to pursue these matters with NATS.

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### **TERMINAL CONTROL NORTH AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT CHANGES – REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT.**

The Panel considered the report of the Acting Director of Development and the annexed response to the NATS' consultation. The report referred to the proposed NATS airspace management changes and the responses to those proposals particularly in so far as the proposals affected Uttlesford. The Council had requested a presentation from the organisation on its ongoing work in response to the representations prompted by the consultation. It was not yet clear however whether NATS would regard any further consultation as necessary.

The Acting Director of Development confirmed that there was no net advantage for Uttlesford in the NATS proposals.

Members were agreed that it was important to generate an uproar of protest.

RECOMMENDED that the Council makes written representations to NATS stressing the disproportionate amount of proposed overflying and that the action taken be publicised

SAP14

### **UPDATE ON G2 ISSUES – REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**

The Acting Director of Development updated the meeting on arrangements for the inquiry.

Concern had been prompted among many of the participants by a suggestion that concurrent sessions might be held. Representations would be made to the Inspector, urging him to recommend that no concurrent sessions be timetabled in view of the potential for challenge on grounds of unfairness.

He answered Members' questions about funding of the inquiry, and Mr Cockerell the Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer informed Members that the mobile air quality monitoring station had been installed at Broxted Hill Farm close to the proposed second runway to measure background air pollution levels which could be used to assess the accuracy of modelled predictions.

The meeting ended at 9.22 pm.