

**STANSTED AIRPORT ADVISORY PANEL meeting held at
COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at
7.30 pm on 12 MARCH 2009**

Present:- Councillor D M Jones – Chairman.
Councillors A Dean and G Sell.

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

SAP15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C A Cant, J F Cheetham, E J Godwin, R M Lemon, D G Perry, L A Wells and P A Wilcock..

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

SAP16 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to amendment to Minute SAP 10 to reflect the fact that the Chairman was not a member of the National Trust.

SAP17 **BUSINESS ARISING**

(i) Minute SAP13 – Airspace Management Changes

The Acting Director of Development informed the meeting that the Council had written to NATS concerning their proposed changes to airspace management which had been viewed as likely to cause major disturbance in the District, prejudice the interests of the residents and set a most undesirable pattern for the future. This had happened shortly before the announcement that there would in fact be consultation on the proposed changes. The Council's action had been publicised and a press release issued.

The Acting Director of Development continued that the consultation promised by NATS would not take place before July. It seemed likely that there would be some new route

options and a degree of choice whereas the previous consultation had failed to provide this to any significant extent.

Members asked that the letter from NATS be circulated to all Members of the Council.

Councillor A Dean suggested that the Council should argue the case for changing the relative heights of aircraft passing near Linton. The Acting Director of Development drew attention to the possibility that the new consultation options could include proposals that increased the detriment to the district. He reminded Members that NATS had been re-examining the location of the proposed stacking area, currently planned for the Newmarket area. Members thought nonetheless it might be useful to make some “pre-emptive” comments in advance of the consultation.

SAP18 STANSTED AIRPORT G2 UPDATE

The Panel considered the report of the Acting Director of Development that the opening of the Inquiry and decision on the programme were now to be delayed.

The Inspector, in his recommendations to the Secretary of State had reflected the Council’s concern about use of concurrent sittings and the need for adequate time for the whole Inquiry.

SAP19 STANSTED AIRPORT FLIGHT EVALUATION UNIT

Mr W Cockerell the Principal Environmental Health Officer, informed the meeting that the Council was being invited by the Flight Evaluation Unit to audit the Unit’s area for noise.

The meeting ended at 8.18pm.