



**ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD**

**NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**19 MARCH 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)  
A Bosmans (FODSA), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),  
Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), J Davies (Doncaster MBC),  
Parish Councillor G Hassall (Sub for Blyth Parish Council), G Levett  
(Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council),  
Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council),  
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor (Robin  
Hood Airport), Parish Councillor D Sanders (Wroot Parish Council), A Shirt  
(Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish  
Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish  
Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth  
Parish Council), Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), L Daffern (Robin  
Hood Airport), S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster  
MBC), T McDonald (Doncaster MBC), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster  
MBC), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC) and A Tolhurst OBE (Chair of the ACC,  
Ex-officio)

**1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed Members to the March meeting of the Noise Monitoring and  
Environmental Sub-Committee.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

**2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

i) Alan Tolhurst OBE

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that Alan Tolhurst OBE had  
recently undergone a knee replacement operation, and would therefore be  
absent from today's meeting.

The Committee asked that a letter and get well soon card be sent to Alan wishing  
him a speedy recovery. **ACTION: A Shirt**

ii) Gavin Levett

Councillor Woodcock welcomed Gavin Levett, Environmental Health Officer from  
Doncaster MBC to the meeting.

iii) Councillor Yvonne Woodcock

Members noted that this would be the last meeting of the Committee that Councillor Woodcock would be Chairing, as she would be standing down from Doncaster MBC at the forthcoming municipal elections.

The Committee paid tribute to the dedicated service Councillor Woodcock had given to the Airport, FODSA and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee over the last ten years and wished her well for the future.

Councillor Woodcock thanked Members, the Joint Secretariat and officers at the Airport for all their support.

3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the following changes of membership on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Committee:

- Wroot Parish Council has appointed Parish Councillor David Sanders (in place of Parish Councillor Mel Wiles).

4 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 4 December 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

5 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

K Naylor provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- Passenger traffic for the year to date was +7.2% ahead year on year, with passenger departures +6.8% ahead.
- February 2015 traffic was +28% up in comparison with February 2014.
- Wizz Air is driving traffic growth with year to date traffic up by 42% in the financial year to date.
- Wizz Air had confirmed an earlier start date for the Kosice service which will now start in June 2015 (initially planned for September) and will deliver circa 37.5k of new seats on an annualised basis.
- The Riga service launched last summer will grow to a 3<sup>rd</sup> weekly frequency (after less than 12 months of operation).
- Aer Lingus Regional had recently announced the return of their Dublin service which would commence on 29<sup>th</sup> May from Robin Hood.
  - The Service will operate 5 times weekly with fares from £29.99.

- Onward connections are available and on sale now through to four Aer Lingus transatlantic destinations – New York, Boston, Chicago and Toronto.
- Cargo Traffic had surpassed 1100 tonnes in the financial year to date, which represents over 100% growth year on year.
- Two Ethiopian Airlines B777's had operated through this month carrying over 200 tonnes of tea.
- In Quarter four of 2014, the Airport handled eight 747's operating on behalf of the Department for International Development supporting the UK's Ebola Relief effort.
- In the last 12 months the Airport had received:
  - 10 B747's, 1 Antonov 225, 2 Antonov 124, and 2 B777's
  - 48 Small charters, 22 of those were Metroliners and 3 Horse charters.
- The Airport had invested in the Aviation Development Team with Declan Maguire joining the Team as Aviation Development Manager, focussing predominantly on Passenger Development.

A Bosmans reported that there had been small snippets in the media recently regarding whether a new Yorkshire airport should be built. He informed the Committee that FODSA would be keeping a close watch on future reports in the media.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## 6 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor, Environment and Community Officer regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period November 2014 to February 2015.

### a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements November 2014 to February 2015.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway for November 2014 to February 2015.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2015.

### b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by Robin Hood Airport from 1 November 2014 to 28 February 2015, amounted to 42 complaints.

- ii) Robin Hood's total number of complaints and type of complaints for November 2014 to February 2015.
- c) Number of Complaints and Individuals for November 2014 to February 2015
  - i) During November 2014, the Airport received 16 complaints from 6 individuals.
  - ii) During December 2014, the Airport received 6 complaints from 5 individuals.
  - iii) During January 2015, the Airport received 11 complaints from 6 individuals.
  - iv) Throughout February 2015, the Airport received 10 complaints from 3 individuals.
- d) Number of Complaints and Individuals from each area from 1 November 2014 to 28 February 2015
  - i) During the period there had been 24 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.
  - ii) The percentage of total complaints from each area for the period.
  - iii) The number of complaints and comparison figures for November to February 2013 and 2014.
  - iv) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints from 2005 to 2015.
  - v) The annual number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards. During 2014 there had been 214 complaints received by the Airport.
  - vi) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for November 2014 to February 2015.
  - vii) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures November 2014 to February 2015.

During November 2014, Members noted that there had been one occasion where NRP had not been practical, asking why this had been the case.  
**ACTION: K Naylor to investigate.**
- viii) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to February 2015.
- ix) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to February 2015.

On a separate issue, Parish Councillor Sanders reported that Wroot Parish Council had received 10 complaints regarding Easyjet training flights flying and circling over the village of Wroot. The Committee was informed that the Parish Council had been tracking all flights over Wroot village using the App, Flightradar 24, which clearly showed that aircraft were flying over the village. (Copies of the flight tracks were circulated for Members' information).

K Naylor informed the Committee that she would investigate all the flights tracks and collate these with the Airport's data and provide a reply to Wroot Parish Council.

**ACTION: K Naylor**

K Naylor reminded Members' that the training pilots were advised by Air Traffic Control not to fly over villages; adding that the training flights did follow a set flight track to the East of the airfield.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

No environmental issues were raised at the meeting.

8 POSITIONING OF THE PORTABLE NOISE MONITOR AT MATTERSEY THORPE

K Naylor informed the Committee that the Vice Chairman of Mattersey Thorpe Parish Council had kindly agreed to have the portable noise monitor located at his property in response to a request from a complainant to have the noise monitored from training flights.

The Committee was informed that once the data had been collected from the noise monitor a full report would be presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

9 OWNERSHIP OF OLD BAWTRY ROAD

K Naylor informed the Committee that following on from previous discussions, it had been confirmed by the Land Registry that the ownership of Old Bawtry Road was an un-registered piece of land and that neither Peel Environment nor Doncaster MBC have responsibility for the land. It had also been confirmed that the ad medium filum rule did not apply to this piece of land.

Parish Councillor Lindley reported that there were no litter bins in the vicinity of the aircraft viewing area, asking if the Airport could install signs asking people to take their litter home with them.

It was agreed that further discussions needed to take place between the Airport and Doncaster MBC regarding a way forward. **ACTION: K Naylor / J Davies**

Parish Councillor Lindley and A Bosmans asked if a copy of the map setting out the ownership of Old Bawtry Road could be sent to them. **ACTION: K Naylor**

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

10 THE POTENTIAL PERMITTING OF NIGHT FLIGHT ARRIVALS TAKING A MORE DIRECT APPROACH AND LANDING USING RUNWAY 02

K Naylor informed the Committee that a request had been made at the recent Flight Safety meeting which asked if the Airport would consider the potential permitting of night flight arrivals to take a more direct approach and landing using Runway 02 during the summer flying season. Currently aircraft are required to make a loop to the

South before turning back to the North and the query is whether a more direct route can be taken.

Members were informed that, if the request was agreed, on average, there would be between 5-6 flights during the night, per week, which would descend using Runway 02. It was noted that aircrafts would fly over Bawtry and Tickhill descending at 9,000 feet.

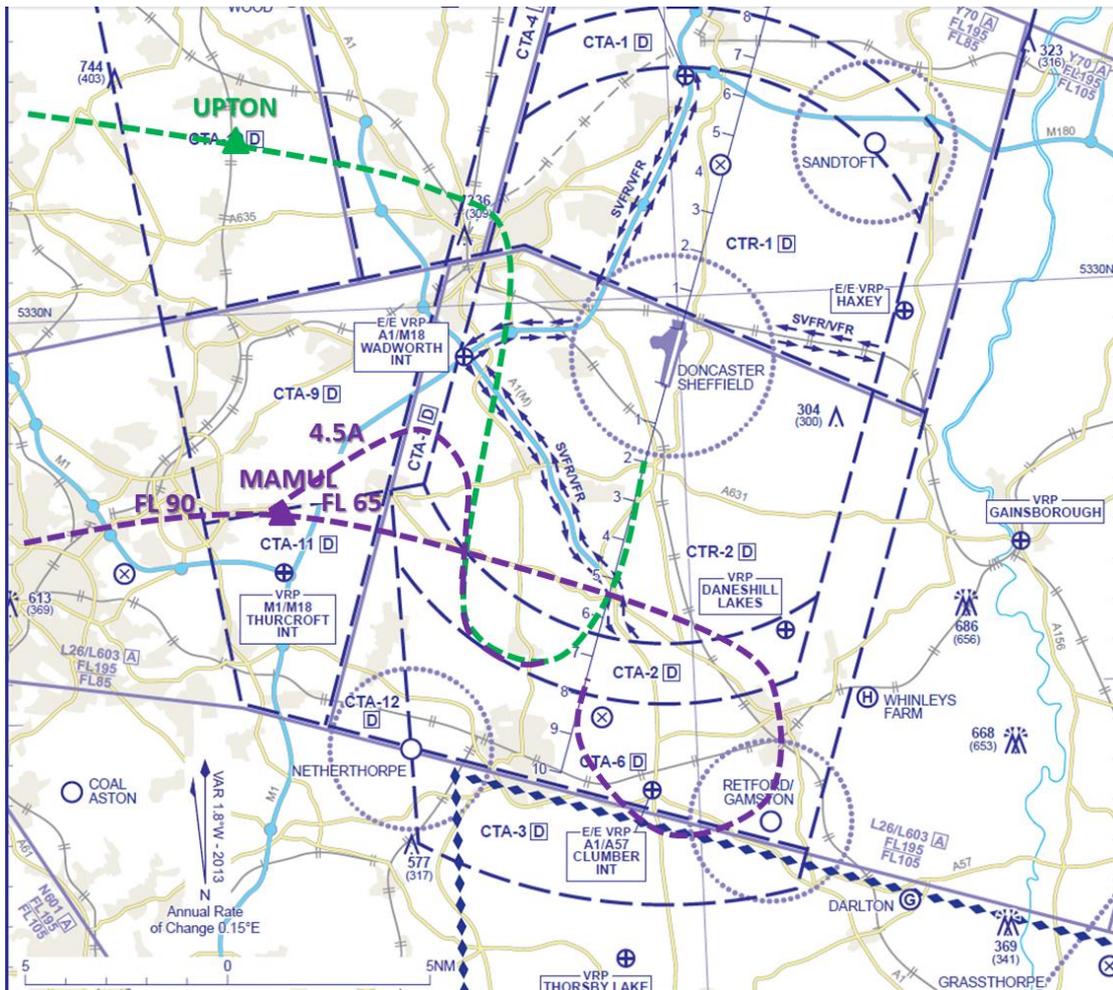
The Committee considered the request; however, it was felt that allowing the Airline to use Runway 02 on its descent to the Airport would lead to increased noise complaints, especially during the summer flying season when households may have their windows open during the night.

J Davies pointed out that he would need to check the contents of the Section 106 Agreement and the preferential routes set out in the Agreement. It was agreed that further discussion takes place between Doncaster MBC and the Airport and that the views of the Committee are taken on board. **ACTION: J Davies / K Naylor**

**Post meeting Note – 20 April 2014 – Kellie Naylor**

*Further to a meeting with Air Traffic, I can confirm that the request is that the approach to 02 is made more direct. Currently the aircraft are required to make a loop to the South before turning back to the North and the query is whether a more direct route can be taken. Below is a copy of the routings to further demonstrate the waypoints (UPTON and MAMUL), current approaches and those proposed. The green plot is for UPTON arrivals and the purple plots are for MAMUL, the routing would depend on how high the Aircraft is when they are released to RHADS Air Traffic. If the aircraft is low enough by the time it passes through MAMUL 4.5A (4500ft) then it could be vectored to join the green route, if not it would need to fly through the approach and join from the East.*

*This should not increase the numbers of aircraft that use runway 02 as they are already using this runway. Therefore there should be no difference in height over Tickhill and Bawtry as the aircraft will be on the normal descent route by the time they reach these villages. It has been proposed that arriving aircraft will use a continuous descent approach. This will require significantly less engine thrust and therefore the noise on the ground is reduced, there will also be significant fuel savings and consequently a reduction in emissions. With regards to trialling this approach it was advised that it could be undertaken at night in the first instance.*



RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the position.

## 11 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### i) Recent Planning Application Approved

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that Doncaster MBC had approved a recent planning application which would allow the German farm machinery manufacturer 'Amazone Ltd' to move its UK headquarters to Doncaster from Nottinghamshire onto a site on Hurst Lane.

### ii) Thanks from Blaxton Parish Council

Parish Councillor McCarron wished to thank the Airport on behalf of Blaxton Parish Council for cutting the hedge rows on Station Road at Blaxton.

## 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### i) Vulcan to the Sky Trust

Parish Councillor McCarron informed the Committee that she had recently attended a briefing and discussion event on future plans to create a Vulcan Aviation Academy and Heritage Centre at Robin Hood Airport. It was questioned at the event where the facility would be built; unfortunately, the Vulcan Trust could not provide confirmation at the event.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 10:00 am in the Fire Station Meeting Room, Robin Hood Airport, Old Bawtry Road, Finningley, Doncaster.

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a visit to Air Traffic Control.

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