

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

28 MARCH 2019

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (in the Chair)

Parish Councillor J Baker (Wroot Parish Council), A Bosmans (FODSA), Town Councillor N Cannings (Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor J Clarke (Finningley Parish Council), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), A Dutton (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Parish Councillor P Edwards (Misson Parish Council), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), A Hudson (Air Traffic Control, DSA), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), M McGuire (Office of Caroline Flint MP), Parish Councillor S Petherbridge (Substitute Member for Blyth Parish Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), Councillor F Tyas (Doncaster MBC) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor S Crawford (Austerfield Parish Council) and S Racjan (Doncaster MBC)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. An extended welcome went to Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment, Liverpool John Lennon Airport and to Parish Councillor Jonathan Baker, representing Wroot Parish Council.

Members were informed that Kellie Naylor had left DSA at the beginning of March to take up an opportunity with Network Rail. It was noted that Andrew Dutton would be covering environmental issues arising at DSA in the interim period until a new Environment and Community Officer was recruited.

Introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst commented that there had been several reports in the press recently regarding reports of suspected drones been in close proximity of aircrafts and airports.

To assist Members understanding of Drones, Andy Hudson (Air Traffic Services Manager, DSA) had been invited to attend today's meeting to provide Members with an update on Drones.

Earlier this month, following a second deadly crash of a Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft, there had been a worldwide grounding of the planes by regulators over safety concerns.

3 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 6th December 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Solar Installation

In response to Councillor Cooper's question regarding how many homes 2.64 mw would power, A Dutton confirmed that this would power around 600-700 homes.

i) Outstanding Action

Members noted that the following action remained outstanding:-

Councillor Cox reported that, on 29th November 2018 at 08:30 am there had been a very strong smell of aviation fluid in the Finningley area, (possibly from a Cargo Lux aircraft). **ACTION: A Dutton to investigate and report back to Councillor Cox.**

ii) Airport Noise Monitoring and Management System – ANOMS

A Dutton informed the Committee that the Airport Noise Monitoring and Management System 'ANOMS' had now been successfully installed at both DSA and Liverpool John Lennon Airport. The new system would allow both airports to efficiently monitor noise levels and flight tracks. A demonstration of the ANOMS system was presented to Members.

5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That Members noted that Parish Councillor Jonathan Baker had been appointed to the Committee by Wroot Parish Council (in place of the late David Sanders).

6 ELECTION OF 3 PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ACC

In accordance with paragraph 8 of the Airport Consultative Committee's Constitution, an election was required to be undertaken to fill three places on the Airport Consultative Committee from Parish and Town Council representatives of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee for the 2019 calendar year.

Following receipt of five applications, Members present at today's meeting were all asked to individually complete a voting slip with their three chosen representatives.

Completed voting slips were then counted and verified by A Hudson.

RESOLVED – That Councillors Cropley, McCarron and Worthington be elected to fill the three places on Airport Consultative Committee for the 2019 calendar year.

7 PLANNING UPDATE (DSA RAILWAY STATION)

A Dutton informed Members that there was very strong support, both locally and regionally for the construction of a new railway station at DSA. It was noted that meetings were taking place with partners on a regular basis to progress the scheme at DSA.

Councillor Cox stated that it would be helpful for local residents etc. to know when development works were scheduled to commence.

A Dutton acknowledged Councillor Cox's request. He added that the scheme had not yet reached the design stage.

Members stated that it would be useful for them to receive an update on the revised Airport Masterplan at a future meeting. **ACTION: A Tolhurst / A Shirt**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

8 TRAINING FLIGHT TRIAL

Following concerns raised previously by Town Councillor Cropley (on behalf of Bawtry residents) with regards to training flight operations at DSA, A Tolhurst provided Members with an update on recent progress.

Members were informed that the Airport's Operations Director and Environment and Community Officer, along with himself, had met with representatives of Bawtry Town Council and residents on 19th February 2019 to discuss training flight operations and procedures in place at DSA.

At the meeting, Airport representatives had presented a number of additional voluntary restrictions with regards to training flights, which had become operational from 2nd January 2019, for a trial period of 12 months. The restrictions would be reviewed after 6 months of operation by the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

The restrictions included:

- No commercial jet training will be carried out on Saturdays (in addition to the pre-existing restriction on Sundays).
- Training circuits limited to 40 circuits per day.
- The maximum number of consecutive days training permitted be limited to 2 days.

Bawtry Town Council representatives and residents present at the meeting welcomed news of the trial restrictions.

Members noted that the Airport had also spoken to the training flight captains, to request that, wherever possible they should avoid flying over villages.

Parish Councillor Baker reported that the large majority of the training flights were now passing around Wroot village, which was welcomed by residents.

Councillor McCarron asked if the timetable of known training flights (which K Naylor had previously produced) could be circulated to Parish and Town Councils. **ACTION: A Dutton**

A Tolhurst made Members aware that the results of the trial would be presented at the June or September meeting of the Committee.

Members of the Committee thanked the Airport for all their efforts in helping to reduce the effects of training flights on neighbouring communities.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 DRONES UPDATE

A Hudson provided the Committee with a presentation on Drones and the procedures in place at DSA when an SUA/drone was sighted in DSA's airspace.

Following recent reports of drones been observed flying in the Finningley area, A Hudson confirmed that South Yorkshire Police had been conducting drone training in the area (with permission from DSA). It was noted that 20 officers had now been trained to pilot drones in line with CAA regulations, to be deployed for a range of police operations.

The following key points were noted from the presentation:

- The safe flying of a drone/SUA (Small unmanned Aircraft) is the responsibility of the drone operator, they need to be aware of the rules and laws that are in place to keep everyone safe.
- The drone/SUA laws restrict all SUA/drones from flying above 400 feet above ground level and at any level within an airport's FRZ (Flight Restricted Zone). The FRZ at DSA is defined as the ATZ and 2 runway protection zones. The runway protection zones measure 5km in length by 1km in width that extend from each runway threshold into the approach to that runway.
- An SUA may operate up to 2000 feet within the FRZ if authorised by Air Traffic Control.
- Outside the FRZ runway extension zones, SUA/drones can be operated legally by anyone provided that they are in line of sight (CAA guidance is not above 400ft) of the operator, and not flown over built up areas. However,

notwithstanding this, they are not permitted to operate when there is a risk of them endangering people, an aircraft or their occupants.

- The Drone Code guidance provided by NATS/CAA was available on the drone safe website (https://dronesafe.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Drone-Code_March19.pdf)
- Procedures were in place at DSA if an SUA/drone was sighted in DSA's airspace.
- If Members sighted any SUA/drone activity taking place in villages close-by to the Airport, they were advised to contact their local policing team on 101 who would be able to inform them if the SUA/drone had been authorised to fly. In turn the local policing team would contact Air Traffic Control at DSA.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation and the Drone Code guidance would be circulated to Members after today's meeting. **ACTION: A Hudson via A Shirt**

RESOLVED – That Members thanked A Hudson for an interesting and informative presentation.

10 AVIATION STRATEGY GREEN PAPER: AVIATION 2050 - THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED LONG-TERM PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF AVIATION

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the DfT had recently published the 'Aviation Strategy Green Paper: Aviation 2050 – the Government's proposed long-term plan for the future of aviation' for consultation.

The proposed new framework sets out ways in which sustainable growth could be delivered through a partnership between the industry and the Government. The Strategy addresses growth, airspace modernisation, efficiency, noise, carbon emissions, air quality and community investment.

The consultation document set out proposals on seven strategic themes, namely:-

- Build a global and connected Britain
- Ensure aviation can grow sustainably
- Support regional growth and connectivity
- Enhance the passenger experience (this includes the Government's proposals for a Passenger Charter)
- Ensure a safe and secure way to travel
- Support General Aviation
- Encourage innovation and new technology

Given the wide breadth of issues covered within the Green Paper, Members agreed that the Committee should focus a consultation response on environmental issues, passenger experience and surface access.

Members further agreed that a DSA ACC response to the consultation be issued.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Provide their comments to the Committee Secretary on the Aviation Strategy Green Paper consultation document in relation to environmental issues, passenger experience and surface access.
- ii) Agreed that a DSA ACC response to the consultation be issued.

11 AIR SERVICES TO THE EU - WRITTEN STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

Members noted the Secretary of State for Transport's written statement to Parliament announcing a policy statement on the UK position on reciprocity of rights for airlines from EU countries, published on 7th March 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Secretary of State for Transport's written statement published on 7th March 2019 be noted by Members.

12 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

A Dutton reported that, internally within the organisation there was a large amount of work taking place to progress the DSA railway station. Additionally, Peel Airports were currently undertaking an exercise to examine where external communications could be improved.

A discussion followed with Members suggesting how the Peel Group could improve its communications with local residents.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

13 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT - 1ST DECEMBER 2018 TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

The Committee received a presentation from A Dutton regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy report for the period 1st November 2018 to 28th February 2019.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements from 1st November 2018 to 28th February 2019.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from 1st November 2018 to 28th February 2019.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2019.

b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by DSA from 1st November 2018 to 28th February 2019 amounted to 48 complaints.
- ii) The number and type of complaints for November 2018 to February 2019.
- iii) The number of complaints and individuals for November 2018 to February 2019.
 - From 1st November 2018 to 28th February 2019, DSA received 48 complaints from 16 individuals.
- iv) The number of complaints and individuals from each area from 1st November 2018 to 28th February 2019.
- v) The percentage of total complaints from each area from November 2018 to February 2019.
- vi) The number of complaints and comparison figures of 2017, 2018 and 2019 for the period November to February.
- vii) DSA's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2019.
- viii) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period November 2018 to February 2019.
- ix) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures for November 2018 to February 2019.
- x) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to February 2019.
- xi) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to February 2019.
- xii) The number of Engine Tests for November 2018 to February 2019 period.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

14 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if an update was available with regards to the planned solar installation at DSA.

A Hudson informed Members that he would be meeting with the Project Manager and Engineering Manager on Friday 28th March to discuss planning and safeguarding aircrafts from the glint and glare of the solar panels.

Councillor Cox asked if information could be shared with Members following the meeting.

A Hudson agreed to obtain clarity at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

15 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community Investment Fund Applications

A Dutton stated that he had received interest from a local school in submitting an application for funding from the Airport Community Investment Fund.

Members were reminded that further information regarding the Fund was available on the Airport's website at: <http://flydsa.co.uk/about-us/csr/>

16 FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There was no feedback from Sub-Committee Members present at today's meeting.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Airport Therapy Dogs

Parish Councillor Worthington asked if DSA had any plans to introduce therapy dogs. She explained that by petting or playing with a dog, it could help to comfort and alleviate the stress of travel for passengers who were anxious or with hidden disabilities.

A Tolhurst informed Members that there would be a presentation on the services provided by DSA to passengers with restricted mobility (PRM) at the April ACC meeting. He suggested that the question be raised by Parish Councillor Worthington at the April ACC meeting.

ii) Member Visit to Air Traffic Control

A Hudson stated that if any Members of the Committee wished to visit the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower at DSA, arrangements could be made via the Committee Secretary. It was highlighted that only six Members would be permitted to visit ATC at any one time.

18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 20 June 2019 at 10:00 am in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR