

## Consultative Committee

### DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

20 JUNE 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 M Caygill (Substitute for Cantley with Branton Parish Council), Parish Councillor J Clarke (Finningley Parish Council), A Dutton (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Parish Councillor P Edwards (Misson Parish Council), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor A Jones (Substitute for Doncaster MBC), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor J Linsley (Substitute for Bawtry Town Council), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), M McGuire (Office of Caroline Flint MP), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt (Committee Secretary) and Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council)

Guest:- J Van Hoogstraten (Cyrrus Ltd)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor S Crawford (Austerfield Parish Council), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), Councillor F Tyas (Doncaster MBC) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

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

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the June meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. An extended welcome went to John Van Hoogstraten, Operations Director at Cyrrus Ltd.

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

#### 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst commented that Committee Members had been kept up to date on national and local aviation issues in between meetings via the UKACCs weekly News Bulletin and the Business Travel News (BTNews) weekly Newsletter.

He also informed Members that, DSA's Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2019 had been officially launched at an informal stakeholder event held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The Report had been very well received by all those present.

DSA's recent announcement that it was to expand its retail offer within the Terminal Building with the opening of a new Costa Coffee in late summer 2019, creating new jobs and further investment at DSA was excellent news.

**3**     MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2019

In relation to training flights, it was confirmed that no commercial jet training will be carried out on Saturdays (in addition to the pre-existing restriction on Sundays and Bank Holidays).

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

**4**     MATTERS ARISING

i)     Outstanding Action from Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Further to Councillor Cox's query reported at the December 2018 meeting where he reported that, on 29<sup>th</sup> 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) and asked that it be investigated.

A Dutton apologised for the delay in responding. He reported that there had been a 747 Freighter aircraft on the Apron at this time and the wind direction had been South-Southeast which could explain why there had been a strong smell of aviation fluid in the Finningley area on this particular date.

ii)    Revised Airport Masterplan

A Tolhurst confirmed that arrangements were being made for the revised Airport Masterplan to be presented at the September meeting. **ACTION: A Tolhurst**

iii)   Timetable of known Training Flights

Councillor McCarron asked if there had been any progress made in producing a timetable of known training flights (which K Naylor had previously produced) which could be circulated to Parish and Town Councils.

A Dutton apologised for the delay in completing this task. He agreed to speak with DSA's Operations Team to understand the information which had been previously circulated to Parish and Town Councils. **ACTION: A Dutton**

iv)    DSA's Community Investment Fund

Councillor Jones reported that he had recently visited the Fly DSA website to obtain information on DSA's Community Investment Fund. He suggested that a

link to the application form be included on the website, rather than individuals emailing the Airport to obtain further information.

A Dutton acknowledged the suggestion, he added that he would discuss further with K Stow. **ACTION: A Dutton**

v) Changes in Airport Personnel

Councillor Jones asked if Members could be informed of the recent changes in personnel at the Airport and its interim management structure. **ACTION: A Dutton to discuss with the Airport's HR Manager.**

vi) Actions Arising from Committee Meetings

Councillor Jones suggested that it would be useful for Members to have a separate item on future agendas entitled 'actions arising from the previous meeting' with all the actions listed and updates provided.

A Tolhurst acknowledged the suggestion.

**5** UPDATE ON AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSALS - PRESENTATION BY CYRRUS LTD

The Committee received a presentation from J Van Hoogstraten, Operations Director at Cyrrus Limited, on DSA's Airspace Change Proposals.

Members were informed that, following submission of DSA's original Airspace Change Proposals to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), feedback had been received requesting DSA to re-evaluate its proposals due to several National General Aviation Bodies opposing them. The CAA now required the re-classification of DSA's airspace from Class D (controlled airspace) to Class E (controlled airspace) for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) aircraft.

J Van Hoogstraten provided Members with a visual presentation of the revised proposals. He reported that the proposals had been consulted with operators and the general aviation community.

Members noted that the revised Airspace Change Proposals were due to be submitted to the CAA shortly for consideration. The earliest planned implementation of the Airspace Changes at DSA were anticipated around early 2020.

On behalf of the Committee, A Tolhurst thanked J Van Hoogstraten for an informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

**6** UPDATE ON TRAINING FLIGHTS

A Tolhurst reminded the Committee that the additional voluntary restrictions for training flights at DSA had now been operational for 6 months. He reported that email correspondence had been received from Councillor Rachael Blake (Doncaster MBC),

which stated that, local residents were happy with the new training flight arrangements and were very grateful that the Airport had taken residents' concerns into account.

Arrangements were being made for Councillor Blake to meet with DSA's Senior Air Traffic Control Officer to discuss training flight operations in further detail. If any Members wished to join the meeting, they were asked to inform A Tolhurst.

Members also commented that the feedback they had received from local residents was very positive, and that they had noticed a vast difference in their local villages.

Parish Councillor Baker stated that there had been a small number of occasions where Wroot residents had observed training flights passing straight over Wroot village. **ACTION: A Dutton to speak with A Hudson regarding this matter.**

A Bosmans suggested that feedback be sent to the airlines for accommodating the trial restrictions to enable a peaceful day's operation.

A Tolhurst thanked Members for their feedback.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

## **7 DSA'S 2019 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT**

DSA's 2019 Corporate Social Responsibility Report was circulated for Members' information. The report set out how DSA had made a positive impact to the local community.

Highlights from the report include:-

- DSA's Bright Futures primary schools engagement programme.
- The airport's Masterplan to create up to 13,000 new jobs with £1.6bn of construction investment.
- £30,000 raised in the last 18 months for its chosen charity Sheffield Children's Hospital.
- £17,000 granted to local community projects since 2015.
- A range of environmental initiatives including plans for onsite generation of zero carbon energy through a £3.2m new solar farm, supplying a third of DSA's annual energy consumption.
- Plans for a central leisure and community plaza to support the site and local community growth.
- New state of the art advanced manufacturing and logistics site, potential for up to 5,300 new jobs, and
- A focus on the airport's heritage.

Members' asked if the CSR Report could be circulated electronically for inclusion on Parish / Town Council websites, newsletters and social media feeds. **ACTION: A Shirt to circulate the report.**

**Post meeting note:-**

The full report can be viewed and downloaded from the Fly DSA website at:  
<http://flydsa.co.uk/about-us/csr/>

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the 2019 Corporate Social Responsibility Report.

**8** UKACCS DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S AVIATION GREEN PAPER "AVIATION 2050 – THE FUTURE OF UK AVIATION"

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that following the DfT's call for feedback on its Green Paper, the UKACCs Secretariat had formulated a draft response for Member ACCs to consider.

A Tolhurst thanked Parish Councillor Swainston for his comments. He added that he had provided comments to UKACCs regarding the vulnerability of technology and virus attacks.

In relation to surface access, A Tolhurst recalled that there had been an Air Transport Forum which had previously met on a regular basis. He requested that the Forum be re-established as soon as possible. **ACTION: A Tolhurst to raise with K Stow.**

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted and endorsed UKACCs draft response to the Government's Aviation Green Paper.

**9** AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

A Tolhurst informed Members that Heathrow Airport had recently announced plans to install and trial enhanced 3D security scanning equipment, which would allow passengers to keep liquids and laptops inside their cabin baggage when passing through security. He asked if there were any plans at DSA to install enhanced security scanning equipment.

A Dutton informed the Committee that there were currently no plans to trial new 3D scanning equipment at DSA. He understood that Heathrow was the first UK airport to trial the technology and was working with the DfT to help other UK airports when they commenced trials of their own.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

10 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT 1ST MARCH TO 31ST MAY 2019

The Committee received a presentation from A Dutton regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

Members were informed that the presentation had been updated following the agenda papers being despatched. It was agreed that a copy of the updated presentation would be circulated to Members via email after today's meeting. **ACTION: A Shirt**

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements for March to May 2019.

Parish Councillor Edwards asked if the next presentation to the Committee in September 2019 could include an additional slide, which would allow Members to compare the number of complaints which had been received by the Airport in relation to training flights for the period January to August 2018 and following the implementation of the training flight restrictions for the same period in 2019 (January to August). **ACTION: A Dutton to include in the September presentation.**

- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway for March to May 2019.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to May 2019.

b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by DSA from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 amounted to 96 complaints.
- ii) The number and type of complaints for March to May 2019.
- iii) The number of complaints and individuals for March to May 2019.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, DSA received 30 complaints from 7 individuals.
  - From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019, DSA received 33 complaints from 7 individuals.
  - From 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, DSA received 33 complaints from 13 individuals.
- iv) The number of complaints and individuals from each area from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

During the period, 41% of the complaints received by DSA were from one individual residing in Moorends.

A Bosmans recalled that the Moorends individual had been a persistent complainer for a number of years, despite the efforts of the Airport to engage with them and explain their operations. He asked if this individual should now be treated by the Airport as vexatious.

A Tolhurst informed Members that the Committee could make a recommendation to the Airport, however, it was the Airport's decision to implement its Vexatious Complaints Policy.

A Dutton replied that it was not the Airport's role to judge a complainant; by complaining, individuals were expressing their feelings and emotions.

Following discussion, Members agreed that future presentations to the Committee include a slide containing the number of complaints which had been received from the Moorends individual and a separate slide to show the number of complaints received from each area omitting the number of complaints received from the Moorends individual. **ACTION: A Dutton**

- v) The percentage of total complaints from each area from March to May 2019.
- vi) The number of complaints and comparison figures of 2018 and 2019 for the period March to May.
- vii) DSA's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2019.

A Dutton asked Members if they would prefer the above slide to be presented in full calendar years (January to December), rather than the number of complaints which had been received to date.

Members' agreed to the suggestion.

- viii) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period March to May 2019.
- ix) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures for March to May 2019.
- x) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to May 2019.
- xi) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from March to May 2019.
- xii) The number of Engine Tests for March to May 2019.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## **11 ANNUAL NOISE REPORT APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019**

A Dutton presented the Annual Noise Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

It was agreed that an electronic version of the Annual Noise Report be circulated to Members. **ACTION: A Dutton via A Shirt**

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Committee noted and approved the contents of the 2018/19 Annual Noise report.
- ii) That a copy of the Annual Noise Report 2018/19 be submitted to Doncaster MBC in accordance with the provisions set out in the Section 106 agreement.

## 12 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Members discussed the impacts which aviation had on the environment and noted DSA's efforts to mitigate pollution and carbon.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

## 13 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### 13a Community Investment Fund Applications

Members noted that there had been no applications submitted to the Airport for consideration.

## 14 FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### i) Old Bawtry Road, Finningley

A Bosmans reported that he had been advised by a FODSA Member that concrete blocks had been placed across Old Bawtry Road, Finningley (just after the DSA Fire Station) to stop access to vehicles and pedestrians.

Members queried whether the land belonged to Peel or Doncaster MBC.

A Dutton agreed to enquire with colleagues at the Airport and confirm if they had placed the concrete blocks across the road preventing vehicle access. **ACTION: A Dutton**

### ii) Tracking of Training Flights

Parish Councillor Baker asked if Members could be given online access to track training flights.

A Dutton advised Members that access to the Airport's Noise Monitoring and Management System (ANOMS) was not possible due to licencing laws. If Members required the flights tracks for a particular day, then information could be provided to them.

### iii) Signage to DSA from the Great Yorkshire Way

Parish Councillor Linsley asked if there had been any progress made in relation to updating/adding signage to direct passengers etc. to DSA from the Great Yorkshire Way.

Members were informed that discussions continued with Highways England with regards to signage to the Airport on the local road networks.

iv) Airport's Perimeter Fencing and Hedging on Station Road, Blaxton

Parish Councillor McCarron reported that the Airport's perimeter fencing and hedging on Station Road, Blaxton (directly opposite the village Post Office) had recently been damaged and a temporary repair had been made to the fencing. It was noted that the temporary repair was potentially dangerous due to the barbed wire used being rusty. She added that the Airport's perimeter hedging on Station Road, Blaxton now required trimming back. **ACTION: A Dutton to raise with colleagues at the Airport.**

v) Public Consultation on the Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

Parish Councillor Swainston asked if the Airport had been invited to submit their comments on Nottinghamshire's draft Minerals Local Plan.

He informed the Committee that a number of the local Parish Councils had agreed that they would be submitting a joint response to the consultation.

vi) Temporary Closure of Hurst Lane for Road Works

Parish Councillor Swainston advised the Committee that there would be a temporary closure of Hurst Lane shortly to enable the construction of a new roundabout to create new access to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. He added that this would create access issues in the local area with increased traffic passing through the roads around the Airport and in Auckley.

vii) Community Allotment at Chapel Lane, Finningley

S Racjan informed the Committee of a local project in Finningley to create a community allotment. He stated that he would sign-post the Community Allotment Group to submit an application for funding from the Airport's Community Investment Fund.

**15** ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further items of business were noted.

**16** DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10:00 am in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR