

## Consultative Committee

### DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

#### NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

**28 JUNE 2018**

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (in the Chair)

A Bosmans (FODSA), Town Councillor N Cannings (Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor R Castle (Substitute Member for Finningley Parish Council), P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint, MP), R Cooke (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor P Edwards (Misson Parish Council), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), A Langford (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Parish Councillor S Petherbridge (Substitute Member for Blyth Parish Council), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Councillor F Tyas (Doncaster MBC)

Observer: M Walker (Misson Parish Council Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Parish Councillor J Clarke (Finningley Parish Council), Councillor M Cooper (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 Alex Langford, Airport Duty Manager.

Members were informed that Alex had been invited to today's meeting to provide Members with a presentation on Wildlife and Habitat Control measures in place at DSA.

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

#### **2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

3 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 15 March be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Airport Vision and Masterplan 2018 – 2037

A Tolhurst reminded Members that the Airport's Vision and Masterplan public consultation had been launched on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 for a period of 9 weeks.

Following close of the consultation, DSA had received 1,600 responses, with a large majority being very positive. The results of the public consultation would be presented at the September meeting.

A Tolhurst thanked Members for publicising the consultation to their local communities and asking them to respond.

Councillor Cox commented that, in relation to the development of a case for an East Coast Mainline (ECML) station at the airport, several Finningley residents had voiced their concerns to him that they were anxious and frightened about the proposal in terms of extra traffic on the local road infrastructure and the risk of flooding in the area.

R Cooke acknowledged Councillor Cox's concerns; he added that the developments outlined in the Vision document would be incremental.

ii) Member Visit to DSA's Cargo Hangar

A Tolhurst asked if a visit could be arranged for Members to view DSA's Cargo Hangar, possibly after the September meeting. **ACTION: R Cooke / K Naylor to confirm closer to the September meeting.**

iii) Great Yorkshire Way Airport Link Road (Bawtry Road to Hurst Lane)

Members were pleased to note that the second phase of the Great Yorkshire Way creating a direct link from the motorway network to DSA had officially opened on 15 June 2018.

5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That Members noted the following changes of membership on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee:-

- Doncaster MBC have reappointed Councillors S Cox, L Curran, M Cooper, M Greenhalgh and appointed Councillor F Tyas.
- Blaxton Parish Council have reappointed Parish Councillor N McCarron.

- Finningley Parish Council have appointed Parish Councillor J Clarke in place of ex parish Councillor C Sheriff.

## **6 PRESENTATION ON WILDLIFE AND HABITAT CONTROL**

The Committee received a detailed presentation from Alex Langford on the policies, procedures and risk assessments in place at the airport for effectively dealing with wildlife and habitat control measures around the airfield and surrounding woodland areas. The airport undertook this very important duty to minimise potentially damaging and dangerous situations for aircrafts and passengers.

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

## **7 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT**

R Cooke provided the Committee with an update on Airport Activities. In summary it was reported that:-

- A new Flybe route direct to Belfast had commenced on 15 June 2018, with five scheduled flights per week operating from DSA.
- Wizz Air had recently launched a new route to Debrecen, Hungary. Two flights per week would be operating from DSA starting on 16 December 2018.
- During week commencing 18 June 2018, DSA had welcomed a series of in and outbound cargo flights from the USA. 650 tonnes of freight had been processed by DSA's Cargo Team for the American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift, who had been touring the UK.
- Construction work to create a new Hangar for the Vulcan aircraft was scheduled to commence shortly with a project team now in place.
- A small Hangar development project was scheduled for a private Children's Air Ambulance helicopter to be based at DSA.
- The major project to upgrade DSA's hold baggage and x-ray screening equipment to meet new regulations was progressing well. Completion was scheduled for early into the New Year (2019).
- A delegation from Heathrow Airport had recently visited DSA / Aero Centre Yorkshire as part of a nationwide tour of 65 sites bidding to become potential Logistic Hubs for Heathrow Airport's expansion.

Eight sites from the Sheffield City Region had been longlisted as potential Logistic Hubs. It was expected that a list of successful sites would be announced later in the year.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

8 DFT AIRSPACE MODERNISATION UPDATE

The Committee received a paper setting out an update from the Department for Transport (DfT) with regards to its Airspace Modernisation Programme and the work that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) would be undertaking over the summer.

Members noted that the CAA was preparing a new Airspace Modernisation Strategy for the UK which would build on the existing Future Airspace Strategy, relevant Government policies and existing legal obligations. As part of this Strategy, the CAA would be setting out new governance arrangements for airspace modernisation that would encompass how all relevant stakeholders should be engaged in the development and implementation of the Airspace Management Strategy.

The CAA would begin consultation on the draft Airspace Management Strategy with key stakeholders in the summer, before submitting this to the Secretary of State in December 2018.

In relation to DSA's Airspace Change project, R Cooke reminded Members that DSA had submitted a formal Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) together with the proposed procedure designs to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in April 2018.

The CAA then has 16 weeks to consider the proposal. Should the CAA approve the changes there will be a lead-in time whilst notification of the change is presented to the aviation community.

If successful, and there are no significant changes to the proposals required, DSA anticipated the changes to be implemented around December 2018.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT - 1ST MARCH 2018 - 31ST MAY 2018

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements for March to May 2018.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway for March to May 2018.

Town Councillor Cropley commented that he had observed a number of descending aircrafts flying low over Bawtry. He asked if any data was available to show the height of descending aircrafts. **ACTION: K Naylor to investigate and provide Town Councillor Cropley with the data and flight tracks.**

A Tolhurst stated that it would be useful for Members to receive a presentation at a future meeting on the Continuous Descent Approach used by pilots. **ACTION: K Naylor**

iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to May 2018.

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 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 amounted to 114 complaints. The vast majority of the complaints received by DSA related to training flights or arrivals on runway 20.

Parish Councillor McCarron stated that she had received several complaints from a Blaxton parishioner regarding training flights cutting over Blaxton village.

K Naylor replied that she had spoken to the Training Pilot to remind them to avoid flying over populated areas. Additionally, a response had been issued from the Airport to the Blaxton parishioner.

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if the responses issued by the airport could be sent to Parish Council Clerks.

K Naylor replied that, in complying with the Data Protection Act she was unable to share copies of the responses issued. K Naylor agreed to provide Parish Councillor McCarron with a copy of a standard response regarding training flights and departure routes. **ACTION: K Naylor**

ii) The number and type of complaints and individuals for March to May 2018.

iii) The number of complaints and individuals for March to May 2018.

➤ From 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, DSA received 21 complaints from 8 individuals.

➤ From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018, DSA received 27 complaints from 5 individuals.

➤ From 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, DSA received 66 complaints from 22 individuals.

iv) The number of complaints and individuals from each area from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

During the period, 58.77% of the complaints received by DSA were from one individual residing in Moorends.

After discussion, Members' agreed that the complaints received from the Moorends resident should be treated by the airport as vexatious and implement its Vexatious Complaints Policy.

K Naylor stated that, from the airport's perspective, the complaints received from the Moorends individual were currently manageable.

- v) The percentage of total complaints from each area from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.
- vi) The number of complaints and comparison figures of 2017 and 2018 for the March to May period.
- vii) DSA's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2018.
- viii) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period March to May 2018.
- ix) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures for March to May 2018.
- x) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to May 2018.
- xi) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to May 2018.
- xii) The number of Engine Tests for March to May 2018.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## **10**    ANNUAL NOISE REPORT 2017/18

K Naylor presented the Annual Noise Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Committee noted and approved the contents of the 2017/18 Annual Noise report.
- ii) That a copy of the Annual Noise Report 2017/18 be submitted to Doncaster MBC in accordance with the provisions set out in the Section 106 agreement.

## **11**    COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

K Naylor informed Members that the airport had received six applications from various community groups applying for grants from the Airport's Community Investment Fund.

Following assessment of the applications received, only one application had met the funding criteria; Bawtry Heritage Group would be awarded a grant for the purchase of equipment for the Community Library in Bawtry.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

**12**     FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A Tolhurst invited Members to share any feedback from their Parish and Town Councils in relation to any Airport operations.

Councillor Tyas stated that, Armthorpe residents were un-happy with the amount of additional traffic generated from cars, HGV's etc. passing through the village travelling onto the airport.

A Tolhurst informed Members that, if their Parish/Town Council Clerk wished to observe a future meeting of the Committee they would be welcome to do so. Members were asked to contact the Committee Secretary prior to the meeting if they wished to take up this invite.

**13**     ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i)    Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

A Bosmans reported that FODSA Airport Ambassadors would be assisting DSA colleagues with passengers for the Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage departure flight on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and return flight on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

ii)   List of Aviation Acronyms

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if the list of common aviation acronyms could be re-circulated to Members.   **ACTION: K Naylor**

iii)  Upgrade of Noise Monitors and Track Keeping Software

K Naylor reported that capital expenditure had been approved for the purchase and upgrade of the noise monitors and track keeping software with the anticipated implementation by the end of September.

**14**     DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 10:00 am in the Blenheim meeting room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR