



**ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD**

**NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**4 DECEMBER 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)  
A Bosmans (FODSA), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council),  
Town Councillor A Copley (Bawtry Town Council), L Daffern (Robin Hood  
Airport), A Hudson (Air Traffic Services Manager),  
Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council),  
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), T McDonald  
(Doncaster MBC), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor  
(Robin Hood Airport), A Shirt (Secretary, South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat),  
Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), A Tolhurst OBE  
(Chair of the ACC, Ex-officio), Parish Councillor M Wiles (Wroot Parish  
Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish  
Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Corden (Doncaster  
MBC), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), J Davies (Doncaster MBC),  
S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC),  
Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council) and S Racjan  
(Doncaster MBC)

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

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

An extended welcome went to Andy Hudson, Air Traffic Control Manager at Robin  
Hood Airport.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

**2 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Woodcock referred to a recent Doncaster Free Press article stating that the  
Airport would shortly be gearing up for the Christmas and New Year 'getaway' with  
around 21,000 passengers expected to pass through the Airport's terminal building  
over the holiday period.

Councillor Woodcock took the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a  
prosperous New Year.

3 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 18 September 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Hedge Rows

L Daffern reported that discussions were now taking place with Peel's Legal Department, Doncaster MBC and the Land Registry to clarify land ownership and future responsibility for maintaining the hedge rows.

A progress update would be provided to Members at the March 2015 meeting.

ii) Land ownership - Old Bawtry Road - Litter Problem

Members noted that discussions were also taking place with Peel's Legal Department, Doncaster MBC and the Land Registry to clarify land ownership and future responsibilities for cleansing the area.

Councillor Woodcock, informed the Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Stephen Racjan and Julie Bibby had supported Finningley Village Community Group in litter picking the Finningley side of Old Bawtry Road. It was reported that in the region of 30 bags of litter had been collected from the area.

iii) Aircrafts Flying Over Bawtry

A Tolhurst referred to Minute 6(i) and the observation made by Parish Councillor Peter Holland that aircrafts using runway 02 were being flown much lower over Bawtry on the approach to the Airport, than they had done so in the past.

Members were informed that analysis had been carried out by the Environment and Communities Officer to looking at the glide paths of aircrafts approaching the Airport over Bawtry, and was able to confirm that there was no evidence to suggest this practice was taking place. The information together with details of flights in 2009 and 2014 were handed to Town Councillor Alan Cropley who agreed to inform Parish Councillor Holland accordingly.

5 STANDARDISING VISUAL FLIGHT RULES (VFR) CIRCUIT HEIGHTS

A Hudson informed the Committee that the Airport were looking to standardise its current circuit heights under the visual flight rules (VFR). Members noted that the VFR are a set of regulations under which a pilot is expected to operate an aircraft with visual reference to the ground, and by visually avoiding obstructions and other aircrafts. The other mode of operation is under instrument flight rules (IFR).

Currently, there was a requirement for all training flights by aircrafts of less than 5700 kg to report descent of not below 1500 ft. Whereas, pilots of aircrafts of more than 5700 kg were required to report descent of not below 2000 ft.

In order to standardise the current requirement, the Airport were recommending that inbound aircrafts, other than light aircraft being flown under VFR or Special VFR shall maintain a height of at least 2000 ft. above aerodrome level and report "finals" at 1500 ft.

A Hudson invited Members to visit Air Traffic Control at the conclusion of their March meeting. **ACTION: L Daffern to arrange for the March 2015 meeting to be held in the Fire Station meeting room.**

RESOLVED – That the Committee supports the Airport's recommendation that aircraft in the circuit, other than light aircraft flying under VFR or Special VFR shall maintain a height of at least 2000 ft. above aerodrome level and report "finals" at 1500 ft.

## 6 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

L Daffern, Head of Airport Services provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- There had been over 100,000 extra seats for sale in 2014. It was forecast that there would be growth of 8% during the next financial year.
- A delegation of representatives from TUI UK Ltd had recently visited the Airport to discuss future plans. The Airport had arranged for a helicopter flight for the delegation to view the construction of FARRRS from the sky. It was reported that delegation had been very impressed with construction to date.
- Business leaders from across the Sheffield City Region had given the Airport their backing at a special Advocacy Event. Representatives from the private sector, including board members and the chair of the LEP, council leaders, chamber chief executives and representatives of local businesses had joined Peel and the management team at the Airport to officially launch the Airport Advocacy initiative.
- Transun had announced a new one-off route to see the Northern Lights. The travel operator's 'Arctic Spirit' four-night trip would depart from the Airport on 7 January 2015.
- The recent World Duty Free sale held in the Airport's Terminal Building had been very successful. It was reported that the sale had generated more income than the same duty free sale held at Heathrow.
- That it was anticipated that works would commence in February 2015 to install the long awaited 400 square meter addition to the arrivals area at the rear of the terminal building.
- There had been a significant increase in the amount of cargo operations from the Airport. The Antonov AN-225 had recently landed at the Airport to collect 150 tonnes of engineering equipment for a transatlantic flight. There had also been a number of UK humanitarian aid flights landing and departing from the Airport to support the Ebola crisis in West Africa.

- A Cargo Master Plan meeting would be held at the Airport later today to discuss the Airport's cargo infrastructure moving forward.
- To support the growing cargo operations at the Airport, a new state-of-the-art cargo x-ray machine had recently been delivered to the Airport.
- Dale Hauxwell, the Airport's Cargo Manager was doing an excellent job in promoting the Airport's cargo offering to local and regional business.
- There were a number of airline delegation visits to the Airport already planned for 2015.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## 7 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period September to October 2014.

### a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements September to October 2014.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway for September to October 2014.

A Tolhurst reminded the Committee that the provisions set out in the Section 106 Planning Agreement stated that where possible, aircraft movements should depart to the North of airfield, rather than to the South, but that it was difficult to satisfy the objective given the prevailing wind at the airport. During the period there had been 487 departures to the South and 212 departures to the North of the Airfield.

### b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received from Robin Hood Airport from 1 September 2014 to 31 October 2014 amounted to 44 complaints.

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 there had been 8 separate complaints regarding an EasyJet training flight from runway 02.

- ii) Robin Hood's total number of complaints and type of complaints for September to October 2014.

### c) Number of Complaints and Individuals for September to October 2014

- i) During September 2014, the Airport received 23 complaints from 3 individuals.
- ii) During September 2014, the Airport received 21 complaints from 9 individuals.

d) Number of Complaints and Individuals from each area for the period

- i) During the period (1 September 2014 to 31 October 2014) there had been 25 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.

A Bosmans asked if the complaints received by the Airport from the Moorends resident were all of a similar nature, asking if the Airport could do anything to mitigate them.

K Naylor confirmed that the complaints were of a similar nature and that the Airport had an obligation to investigate and provide a response to each complaint.

- ii) The percentage of total complaints from each area for the period.
- iii) The number of complaints and comparison figures for September to October 2013 and 2014.
- iv) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints from 2005 to 2014.
- v) The annual number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards.

Councillor McNamee commented that the number of complaints received by the Airport was low in comparison to the number of households residing in the vicinity of the Airport.

- vi) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period September to October 2014.
- vii) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures September to October 2014.
- viii) The number of Quota Count Points used and Quota Count Points from April 2005 to October 2014.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**8** ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

No environmental issues were raised at the meeting.

**9** COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

No community activities were raised at the meeting.

**10** SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2015

RESOLVED – That the schedule of 2015 meeting dates for the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on:-

- Thursday 19 March 2015
- Thursday 11 June 2015

- Thursday 17 September 2015
- Thursday 3 December 2015

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am and be held in the Blenheim meeting Room, Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster, unless stated otherwise.

## 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### i) Letter of Complaint regarding Emergency Stops on the Airport's exit roads

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the ACC had received a letter of complaint from an individual who had been fined for stopping on the Airport's exit road.

The Committee was informed that the ACC had responded to the individuals concerns, stating that they were sorry to hear of their experience, highlighting that under item 34 of the ACC's Constitution, the ACC is not an arbiter of final resort in disputes, and that it does not normally investigate individual complaints.

L Daffern informed the Committee that the Airport had responded separately to the individual's complaint. The Committee was informed that the Airport's exit roads were controlled and managed by a sub-contractor on behalf of Peel Investments North and did not come under the control of Peel Airports. It was agreed that a practical demonstration on the ownership of the exit roads would be provided at the March 2015 meeting. **ACTION: L Daffern**

### ii) Doncaster International Business Park – 'Workpods' at Fountain Court

Parish Councillor N McCarron referred to a recent press announcement that construction work had commenced on a new Doncaster International Business Park project at the Airport.

Parish Councillor N McCarron asked if the Church on the site was still used.  
**ACTION: L Daffern to investigate and report back to the Committee.**

## 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 19 March 2015 at 10:00 am at the Fire Station, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

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

CHAIR