



ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

21 MARCH 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)
Mr A Bosmans (FODSA), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Mrs L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), Mr J Davies (Doncaster MBC), Mr A Dutton (Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor G Hassall (Sub for Blyth Parish Council), Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Mr S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt (SYJS), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), Parish Councillor M Wiles (Wroot Parish Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Barnes (Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Councillor P Knight (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC) and Mr 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 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2012

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 6 December 2012 be approved as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Parish Councillor McCarron informed the meeting that the trees/hedges on Station Road at Blaxton had now been trimmed, and wished to thank the Airport for carrying out the work.

4 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

L Daffern informed the Committee that with effect from 20 December 2012, Peel Group had re-acquired Vantage Airport Group's shares in Robin Hood Airport.

The shareholding in Robin Hood Airport had been formerly held by Peel Airport Limited, co-owned by Vantage Airport Group.

There would be no change in shareholding at Liverpool John Lennon Airport, which remained jointly owned by Vantage Airport Group and The Peel Group.

It was noted that Vantage Airport Group would continue to provide Air Traffic Services to all the airports in the group. A new subsidiary company, Vantage Air Traffic Services (Vantage ATS) had been created to provide air traffic services for Liverpool, Robin Hood and Durham Tees Valley airports.

The Managing Director was currently in the process of re-organising internal structures within the Airport following the recent ownership changes.

The Committee were informed that noise complaints for Robin Hood Airport would still be handled by Colin Barnes at Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

5 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from A Dutton regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period 1 November 2012 to 28 February 2013.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements November 2012 to February 2013.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from November 2012 to February 2013.
- iii) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2013.

b) Quiet Operations Policy

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received from Robin Hood Airport from 1 November 2012 to 28 February 2013.
 - During the February period the number of noise complaints received had increased when training flights were been carried out.
- ii) Robin Hood Airport's total number of complaints and type of complaints for November 2012 to February 2013.
- iii) Number of complaints and individuals for November 2012 to February 2013.

- During February 2013, the Airport had received 30 complaints from 18 individuals.
- iv) Number of complaints and individuals from each area for the period.
 - During the period there had been 15 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.
 - There had been 26 complaints from 13 individuals residing in the Bawtry area.
 - A Bosmans commented that there had been one complaint received from a Balby resident and queried if this was in relation to an aircraft from RHADS. A Dutton agreed to investigate the query. **ACTION: A Dutton.**
- v) The per cent of total complaints from each area for the period.
- vi) Number of complaints and comparison figures for 2011, 2012 and 2013 for the period.
- vii) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints from 2005 to February 2013.
- viii) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway for the period.
- ix) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2013.
- x) Number of night time departures for the period.
- xi) Number of Quota Count Points used and Quota Count Points from April 2005 to February 2013.
- xii) Number of non-NPR aircraft departures for the period.
- xiii) The number of QC4 movements for the period.
- xiv) The number of engine tests for the period.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from A Dutton which set out the energy consumption in the terminal building, airfield and hangars. It was noted that there had been less energy consumed month by month from February 2011 when the data started to be collected.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 WHAT IS SOUND? PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from A Dutton setting out an explanation of 'sound'.

The Committee were informed that the definition of sound could be classified as "a vibration through the air" whereas; Noise could be classified as "an unwanted sound". Sound becomes noise when it interferes with normal activities.

Noise can be controlled at i) the source; ii) interrupting the path of noise and iii) by protecting the recipient.

The Committee were reminded that the Airport was committed to delivering a sustainable future for aviation, for example, dealing with carbon emissions, noise and local impacts around the airport.

RESOLVED – That A Dutton be thanked for an interesting and informative presentation.

8 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

i) Litter Pick

S Racjan informed the Committee that he was in the process of arranging a date to carry out a litter pick in conjunction with Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (FODSA). It was anticipated that a combined cleanse of the Old Bawtry Road area, from Finningley to Austerfield would take place.

ii) 'Disaster' Training Exercise

L Daffern informed the Committee that an emergency exercise had recently been staged at the Airport to test its emergency plans. Airport staff had worked with staff from the local emergency services, Doncaster MBC and volunteers to simulate an aircraft incident; the overall exercise had gone well.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that she continued to be asked by ward residents "why does the airport not fly to different countries"? Asking if the Airport could publicise why this was the case?

L Daffern commented that it was mainly the airlines decision where they wished to fly to.

10 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 2013 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.