

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (in the Chair)

A Bosmans (FODSA), P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint, MP), R Cooke (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor S Crawford (Austerfield Parish Council), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Parish Councillor P Edwards (Misson Parish Council), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor C Sheriff (Finningley Parish Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC) and Councillor Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the December meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. Introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst announced that, sadly Councillor Tony Corden had passed away on 21st November 2017.

It was noted that a letter had been sent to the family of Councillor Corden expressing the condolences of the Committee.

3 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 14 September 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The following action remained outstanding:-

'K Naylor stated that she would provide A Shirt with a glossary of aviation acronyms to be sent out electronically to Members'. **ACTION: K Naylor**

ii) Induction Notes

A Shirt confirmed that induction notes had now been sent to Councillor Greenhalgh.

iii) Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Planning Consultant

Members noted that Diane Holgate, from DCH Consulting Ltd had attended the October ACC to observe the proceedings of the meeting.

It was noted that Yorkshire Wildlife Park were currently considering the establishment of a Consultation Committee to discuss Wildlife Park developments.

iv) Enquiry from Councillor Cropley (Re: Small Yellow Patches on Vehicles)

K Naylor reported that following the September meeting, a reply had been issued to Councillor Cropley to confirm that the small yellow patches which had appeared on a number of vehicles in Bawtry were believed to be from bees.

v) Community Investment Fund

Parish Councillor McCarron stated that she wished to make additional comments about the Community Investment Fund.

A Tolhurst noted Parish Councillor McCarron's request; her comments would be addressed at agenda item 9.

5 AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSALS UPDATE

Members were reminded that a public consultation on proposed changes to the airspace around DSA had been launched on 25th September, which outlined potential changes to the routes that aircraft depart and arrive into the airport.

To date, a number of responses had been received, which were overwhelmingly positive in support of the changes. Members were thanked for their responses.

Members who had not already shared their views were invited to respond formally to the consultation, noting that the consultation would run until Friday 15th December 2017.

R Cooke outlined the post consultation process informing Members that, on completion of the consultation, DSA would analyse all responses submitted and compile a report on the consultation. DSA would then compile a formal Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) for submission to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), together with the proposed procedure designs.

The CAA would then assess the ACP in accordance with Civil Aviation Publication 725 and the procedure designs in accordance with the provisions set out in Civil Aviation Publications 778 and 785. A regulatory decision on the ACP was expected in June 2018.

If the CAA approved the ACP and the associated procedure designs, DSA would then anticipate the procedures would be promulgated in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication for implementation around November / December 2018.

Further details including the full consultation document could be found on the DSA website at www.flydsa.co.uk/about-us/dsaconsultation/

RESOLVED – That Members share their views and respond formally to the consultation, if they had not already done so.

6 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

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

- The first phase of work to widen the runway taxiway fillets, as part of the LEP Cargo Project was almost complete, and ahead of schedule. The second phase of the Cargo Project was to re-configure Hangar 1 to create truck docks which would enable cargo to be off-loaded, screened and then processed to airside. All the additional improvements would enable DSA to handle larger planes and facilitate growth in cargo operations.
- DSA had secured its first scheduled cargo contract working in partnership with Network Airline Management bringing flowers and vegetables to the UK via a weekly MD11 aircraft service from Nairobi to DSA. A second weekly cargo contract had also been secured with a 747 aircraft departing on a Sunday.
- Wizz Air had announced that they would be discontinuing flights from DSA to Sofia in November 2017 and to Lublin from June 2018. It was highlighted that the withdrawal of these routes by Wizz Air were not as a direct result of Brexit.

A Bosmans commented that, despite Wizz Air discontinuing two flights from DSA, Wizz Air was fully committed to the UK. Additionally, there was a large Wizz Air team based at Luton Airport where several Wizz Air aircrafts are based.

Furthermore, TUI were fully committed to the Airport, with four new routes available in 2018.

A Bosmans added that, in his role as a FODSA Airport Ambassador, he had spoken to a number of passengers whilst at the Airport, who had informed him that they had travelled from the North, Midlands and further afield to fly from DSA and would consider to fly from DSA in the future.

- Brexit remained a concern for airlines due to the current uncertainty around whether or not they would legally be able to operate their routes in 2019.

- Flybe had announced a new route from DSA to Belfast, which would commence on 15 June 2018.
- A project was scheduled to commence shortly to widen the engine test bay area to create access for trucks and larger aircraft. Works were anticipated to be completed within 3-4 months.
- In order to fulfil regulatory compliance, DSA would be replacing its whole baggage screening x-ray machines. Work to replace the equipment was scheduled to commence in February 2018, with expected completion in May 2018.

A Tolhurst asked if a Member visit to view the new equipment could be arranged when it was fully operational. **ACTION: K Naylor**

- As part of phase two of the Great Yorkshire Way (Bawtry Road to Hurst Lane) the site contractor had closed Bawtry Road from the Parrots Corner junction for a number of days to complete a new roundabout and incorporate it into the existing road network. Phase two was scheduled for completion in spring 2018.

Parish Councillor McCarron referred to a news article published in today's Doncaster Free Press. The article stated that plans were currently being drawn up to build a new Aeronautics Apprentice Training Centre at DSA. It was understood that a hangar would be built on a prime plot of land beside the runway, which would train up to 100 apprentices from local companies.

The news article had also stated that Aeronautical Apprentices could also help maintain the retired Vulcan bomber and work on the Red Arrows if they relocated from Lincolnshire.

It was noted that if plans went ahead, the Centre could be opened by September 2019.

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if DSA were aware of this development.

R Cooke replied that he was unaware of this plan. However, he would speak with the Airport Director to obtain further information.

On a separate issue, P Cole reported that DSA had been recognised as a prospective site for Heathrow Airport's expansion scheme as a Key Logistics Hub in the North of England.

It was explained that, as part of Heathrow building a third runway, Heathrow would establish four Logistics Hubs around the UK as off-site centres for construction and manufacturing. The next round of shortlisting would take place in January 2018.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 **AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT -
SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2017**

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy report for the period 1st September to 31st October 2017.

a) **Air Transport Movements**

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements from 1st September to 31st October 2017.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from 1st September to 31st October 2017.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to October 2017.

b) **Quiet Operations Policy Report**

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by DSA from 1st September to 31st October 2017 amounted to 63 complaints.
- ii) The number and type of complaints for September to October 2017.
- iii) The number of complaints and individuals for September to October 2017.
 - From 1st September to 30th September 2017, DSA received 40 complaints from 14 individuals.
 - From 1st October to 31st October 2017, DSA received 23 complaints from 8 individuals.
- iv) The number of complaints and individuals from each area from 1st September to 31st October 2017.

A Bosmans observed that half of the complaints received during the period were from one individual residing in Moorends. He asked if K Naylor could provide the Committee with details regarding the amount of time and effort it took her to reply to this individual.

K Naylor explained that the Airport did provide a response to every complaint raised by the individual, and would continue to do so. It was noted that colleagues from the Airport had previously offered to meet with the individual to try and address their concerns; to which they had been declined by the individual.

Parish Councillor McCarron stated that she had received an email from a local Parishioner stating that they had written to the Airport several times and were not receiving a reply. **ACTION: K Naylor to address outside of today's meeting.**

- v) The percentage of total complaints from each area from 1st September to 31st October 2017.
- vi) The number of complaints and comparison figures of 2016 and 2017 for the period September to October.
- vii) DSA's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2017.
- viii) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period September to October 2017.
- ix) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures from September to October 2017.
- x) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to October 2017.
- xi) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to October 2017.
- xii) The number of Engine Tests for the September to October 2017 period.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

8 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

K Naylor reported that DSA had currently achieved a 1.8% energy efficiency reduction against its target of 3% each year; it was envisaged that the target would be met for the year.

The trust lights within the terminal building had recently been upgraded. The runway lights would be upgraded to LEDs, which would help contribute to reducing DSA's energy consumption.

DSA continued to recycle waste generated onsite. Food waste was collected from the Airport, which otherwise would have gone to landfill or to an incinerator. Category 1 waste (non-EU aircraft waste) continued to be sent to a local incinerator. It was noted that none of the waste generated onsite was sent to landfill.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

K Naylor informed Members that, further to the September meeting a revised Community Investment Fund Guidance document had been produced and would be circulated to Members via email after today's meeting for feedback and comments.

ACTIONS:

- i) K Naylor / A Shirt to circulate the revised document.**
- ii) Members to provide feedback and comments on the document to K Naylor by Friday 15 December 2017.**

Members noted the following key points from the revised document:-

- The Fund would be provided by and administered by DSA and any grant awarded would be made by the Airport Company.
- The fund would be operated by the Environment and Community Officer who would decide on how funds would be allocated.
- Applications would be considered by the Environment and Community Officer, a DSA representative, the Chair of the Airport Consultative Committee and the Vice-Chair of FODSA.
- The applications would be reported on and reviewed by the Airport Consultative Committee.
- The Fund would assist charitable, community, social or environmentally focused projects or initiatives that are sustainable and that fall within a set criteria.
- The Fund would support projects in communities which generally reflect those areas which are represented on the Airport Consultative Committee.
- Applications from those areas close to the Airport and those under the departure or arrival routes would be particularly welcomed and may receive priority in the award of funding.
- The maximum amount of grant available would be £1000 per project application, noting that some awards are likely to be less.

P Cole raised that he did not support the idea of excluding Parish Councils from submitting applications. Furthermore, he queried if the maximum amount of grant available could be increased, or if a requirement could be added to the criteria to state that the airport would only match fund applications.

S Racjan suggested that it would be helpful if a map could be produced showing which areas are eligible to apply for a grant from the Community Investment Fund. K Naylor acknowledged the suggestion and agreed to produce a map.

At this point in the meeting, A Tolhurst invited Parish Councillor McCarron to address the meeting.

Parish Councillor McCarron read out a statement to inform and remind the Committee why the Community Investment Fund had originally been established by Peel and the funding criteria which had been applied at that time. All of which, she recalled had been endorsed and agreed by the ACC.

Furthermore, Parish Councillor McCarron set out her concerns regarding the current Community Investment Fund criteria and her reasoning for contacting Peter Nears earlier in the year. Additionally, she suggested that every Parish Council Clerk be emailed to remind them about the Community Investment Fund.

A Tolhurst and K Naylor clarified and addressed the points raised by Parish Councillor McCarron.

Parish Councillor Worthington asked for clarification if the applications presented at the September meeting were still in abeyance.

K Naylor confirmed that the applications would be held in abeyance until the revised Community Investment Fund criteria had been agreed.

RESOLVED – That the revised Community Investment Fund Guidance document be circulated via email following today’s meeting for Members feedback and comments.

10 **FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

A Tolhurst informed Members that, to establish a two-way communication principle, “feedback from Sub-Committee Members” would now feature on all future agendas to allow Members to formally raise any issues which had arisen within their Parishes / Towns relating to the airport.

Several Members highlighted that they did provide regular feedback to their Parish / Town Councils on airport operations etc.

RESOLVED – That “feedback from Sub-Committee Members” would feature on all future agendas.

11 **SCHEDULE OF 2018 MEETING DATES**

RESOLVED – That the Committee agreed the following meeting schedule for 2018:-

Thursday 15 March
Thursday 28 June
Thursday 13 September
Thursday 6 December

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am, in the Blenheim meeting room in Heyford House, First Avenue, Doncaster Sheffield Airport, unless stated otherwise.

12 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No further items of business were noted.

13 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 15 March 2018 at 10:00 am in the Blenheim meeting room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.