

## Consultative Committee

### DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

#### NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

16 MARCH 2017

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (in the Chair)

Members:- A Bosmans (FODSA), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Parish Councillor S Crawford (Austerfield Parish Council), Town Councillor A Copley (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), Parish Councillor C Sheriff (Finningley Parish Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Councillor Councillor A Smith (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Guests:- J Van Hoogstraten (Cyrrus) and R O’Gorman (Cyrrus)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Blake (Doncaster MBC), R Cooke (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), Councillor J Cox (Doncaster MBC), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC) and Town Councillor Gordon Whitehead (Tickhill Town Council)

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

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

Apologies were noted as above.

#### 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were noted.

#### 3 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 1 December 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

**4**     **MATTERS ARISING**

i)     National Police Air Service (NPAS) Support Hangar

Members were informed that construction work was now well underway to create a new NPAS Support Unit at DSA. Four fixed-wing aircrafts would operate from DSA, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Further details would be included in the next local DSA newsletter.

ii)    DSA Runway Resurfacing

Members asked if there had been any complaints received from local communities in relation to runway resurfacing works taking place at the airport during the evening.

K Naylor reminded Members that the airport had issued a letter to local residents informing them that works to upgrade the runway would take place between January to April 2017.

It was confirmed that there had been no direct complaints received, albeit, there had been one comment received via Twitter regarding the lighting used by the contractors at night.

iii)   FARRRS Phase 2

Members noted that phase 2 of the FARRRS project was due to commence imminently.

iv)    Vexatious Complaints Procedure

K Naylor reported that there had been one occasion recently where she had advised a complainant that their complaints were beginning to become vexatious; if necessary, the airport would have to apply its Vexatious Complaints Procedure.

**5**     **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2017**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

**6**     **AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT**

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

- There had been passenger growth of almost 40% in the financial year 2016/17.

- The airport were anticipating in the region of 1.23 million passengers in the financial year 2016/17. Lower growth was anticipated in the financial year 2017/18.
- 2016/17 had been a record year for passenger traffic.
- Two new routes to Bourgas and Dubrovnik operated by TUI would commence in April and were performing well.
- Flybe had launched a new route to Palma for Summer 2017.
- The airport were seeing an improving year on year performance on routes that commenced last year.
- 2016/17 had been a record year for Cargo traffic, with over 9,000 tonnes handled in 2016.
- East Midlands Airport's DHL operation had been successfully handled by DSA during November and December 2016.
- The airport were expecting positive growth in Cargo operations in the year ahead.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

**7** **AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT - 1 NOVEMBER 2016 - 28 FEBRUARY 2017**

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2017.

a) **Air Transport Movements**

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements from 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2017.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2017.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2017.

b) **Quiet Operations Policy Report**

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by DSA from 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2016, amounted to 127 complaints.

- ii) On 11 February 2017, DSA had received 14 complaints in relation to an RAF aircraft undertaking training.

Parish Councillor Edwards reported that, on behalf of Misson residents, he had received a number of complaints regarding the volume and repetition of training flights over Misson village during the last two weeks. Furthermore, notice of these training flights had not been included on the schedule of expected training flights circulated to Parish Councils' etc.

Misson residents were of the opinion that, training flights were not consistently following the same flight tracks; they were of the opinion that training flights were flying directly over Misson village. Residents were now requesting the airport to examine its track keeping data.

K Naylor explained that these particular training flights were 'ad-hoc' to the notified schedule.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that, although training circuits are conducted under visual flight rules, aircraft pilots are required to follow correct procedures and that, in the circuit, aircraft would be at 2000 ft above ground level in the vicinity of Misson. K Naylor confirmed that she would examine the airport's track keeping data and report back to Parish Councillor Edwards. **ACTION: K Naylor**

A Tolhurst reminded Members that training pilots were required by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to carry out a minimum of 4-6 take offs and landings, which they carry out by conducting visual circuits of the airfield. Furthermore, the airport had to balance training activity with that of commercial activity.

- iii) The number and type of complaints for November 2016 to February 2017.
- iv) The number of complaints and individuals for November 2016 to February 2017.
  - During November 2016, DSA received 60 complaints from 13 individuals.
- v) The number of complaints and individuals from each area from 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2017.
  - Throughout the period, 78 complaints had been received from one individual residing in the Bawtry area.
- vi) The percentage of total complaints from each area from 1 November 2016 to 28 February 2017.
- vii) The number of complaints and comparison figures of 2015, 2016 and 2017 for November to February.
- viii) DSA's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2017.
- ix) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for November 2016 to February 2017.

- x) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures from November 2016 to February 2017.
- xi) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to February 2017.
- xii) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to February 2017.
- xiii) The number of Engine Tests for November 2016 to February 2017.

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if a glossary of the aviation acronyms used within the presentation could be produced. **ACTION: K Naylor**

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

**8** PRESENTATION OF DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT'S PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR PERFORMANCE BASED NAVIGATION (PBN) DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

The Committee received a joint presentation from John Van Hoogstraten, Head of Air Traffic Management (ATM) Operations and Richard O’Gorman, Principal Air Traffic Management (ATM) Consultant at Cyrrus.

The presentation provided Members with the updated proposed design solutions for Doncaster Sheffield Airport’s Performance-based Navigation (PBN) departure and arrival procedures, following the Extraordinary meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2017.

Members noted the ‘next steps’ involved in implementing the airspace changes at DSA, which, would be subject to a 12 week public consultation period. The CAA would then need to review the proposal and reach a regulatory decision. The target date for the routes to come into operation would be summer 2018.

The Committee thanked John Van Hoogstraten and Richard O’Gorman for an informative presentation.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Committee supports Doncaster Sheffield Airport’s proposed design solutions for Performance Based Navigation (PBN) departure and arrival procedures.
- ii) That the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee recommends that the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) endorses the Committee’s recommendation set out above.

**9** DFT CONSULTATION ON THE SAFE USE OF DRONES IN THE UK

Members were reminded that, on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the DfT published a consultation setting out the Government’s proposals to develop the UK’s policy and regulatory framework for the safe use of drones in the UK.

A Tolhurst thanked Members for their views; he confirmed that the comments received, had, where appropriate, been included within a response submitted to the DfT on behalf of the DSA Airport Consultative Committee.

In addition, Members noted that the UK Airport Consultative Committees Liaison Group (UKACCs) had also responded to the DfT's consultation on behalf of the 23 airport Consultative Committees' it represents (DSA ACC being one of them). Copies of the UKACCs letter were circulated to Members.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

**10**    **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

K Naylor reported that the Airport's total energy consumption for January to December 2016 had been 5,304,159 kWh, against a target of 4,952,715 kWh; which was an increase of 7.1%.

The Airport were looking to replace the car park lights with LEDs, with estimated annual savings of 196,224 kWh.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

**11**    **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND APPLICATION**

K Naylor reported that one application had been received by the Airport to fund a project from the Community Investment Fund.

The Committee was asked to give its consideration to the following project:-

| <b>Group</b>         | <b>Project</b>  | <b>Grant Requested</b> | <b>Number of People to Benefit</b> | <b>Comments</b> | <b>Decision</b>  |
|----------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Doncaster Deaf Trust | Creation of a sensory garden for the deaf community at the school | £850.00                | 250                                | None            | <b>Supported</b> |

Members were reminded that the application pack and further information regarding the Community Investment Fund was available on the Airport's website <http://flydsa.co.uk/about-us/csr/>

Parish Councillor McCarron highlighted that, when the Fund had first been introduced, Members of the ACC had agreed that the Fund would only be available to the communities within the immediate areas of the airport. Parish Councillor McCarron asked if this criteria was still applicable.

K Naylor informed Members that, the Fund was available to communities, not only, located in the immediate area to the airport, but also to those regions bordering the Airport.

RESOLVED – That the Committee agreed to support the project highlighted above totalling £850.00.

**12**    ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Bosmans was pleased to report that Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (FODSA) had attended a presentation in Sheffield with airport personnel regarding DSA. The presentation had been very well received by attendees.

**13**    DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 22 June 2017 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport, Doncaster.

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a visit to Air Traffic Control (subject to staff availability). **ACTION: K Naylor to confirm.**

CHAIR