



ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

11 JUNE 2015

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (in the Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), Parish Councillor C Clayborn (Finningley Parish Council), Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), M Cotterill (Peel Airports Management), Councillor J Cox (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Copley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), J Davies (Doncaster MBC), A Hudson (Air Traffic Control, Robin Hood Airport), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor (Robin Hood Airport), 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 Councillor R Blake (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor J Hart (Doncaster MBC), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC) and Parish Councillor D Sanders (Wroot Parish Council)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that following Councillor Woodcock's decision not to stand at the local elections held back in May, there was now a vacancy for a Chair of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. The Management of Peel Airports had approached him to Chair future meetings of the Sub-Committee. It was explained, that this was due to his background in aviation and meetings becoming more technical in future.

The Chair welcomed Members to the June meetings of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. An extended welcome went to new Members of the Committee and to Mike Cotterill, (Finance Director for Peel Airports Management).

The Chair reminded Members of the Terms of Reference of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee; adding that the Committee was a facilitator for receiving information from both the Airport operator and for the Airport operator to hear from Committee Members regarding the impact of its operations on the local community and its residents. Furthermore, the Committee had no executive function; any recommendations could be drawn to the attention of the Airport operator.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that, sadly, Tony Storey OBE, an ex-officio Member of the Airport Consultative Committee had died suddenly on 3rd June.

Members were informed that Mr Storey had been the former Headteacher at The Hayfield School in Auckley, Doncaster for 37 years (1971 to 2008). Furthermore, Mr Storey had supported the development of the Finningley airfield and more recently activities at Robin Hood Airport from the very beginning. Mr Storey had been a great ambassador for the airport and had been awarded a Freeman of The Borough in 2008 for his services to the Doncaster borough.

The Chair requested that the Committee's condolences be conveyed to his family.

ACTION: A Shirt

3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the following change of membership on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee:

- Finningley Parish Council has appointed Parish Councillor Charlotte Clayborn (in place of Parish Councillor Margaret Lindley).

4 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 19 March 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

i) Alan Tolhurst OBE

A Tolhurst thanked the Committee for their best wishes following his recent knee replacement operation.

ii) easyJet Training Flights – Complaint from Wroot Parish Council

K Naylor informed the Committee that following the March meeting, a detailed reply had been sent to Wroot Parish Council regarding easyJet training flights.

The Committee suggested that the Airport could place dates of potential training flights on its website to improve communications with communities in the vicinity of the airport. **ACTION: M Cotterill / A Hudson to consider the suggestion.**

In relation to training flights, the Committee was informed that Andy Hudson had would shortly be speaking to easyJet's Training Captain regarding training routes.

iii) Ownership of Old Bawtry Road

The Committee was informed that following the March meeting, K Naylor and J Davies had met to identify which areas of Old Bawtry Road belonged to Doncaster MBC and Peel Environment.

It was noted that Peel Environment had tried to apply to purchase the un-adopted piece of land on Old Bawtry Road, without success; discussions continued with the Land Registry.

K Naylor informed the Committee that signs had been installed on Old Bawtry Road asking people to take home their litter; unfortunately, the signs had been blown away.

Councillor Cox reported that the litter bin on Old Bawtry Road had been stolen; discussions were on-going with Doncaster MBC to obtain a replacement.

iv) The Potential Permitting of Night Flight Arrivals Taking a More Direct Approach and Landing Using Runway 02

A Hudson informed the Committee that following the March meeting, he was able to confirm that the request received was for approach from the West to runway 02 should be made more direct; currently aircraft are required to make a loop to the South before turning back to the North.

It was confirmed that there would be no difference in height over Tickhill or Bawtry, as the aircraft would be on its normal descent route by the time they had reached these villages. It has been proposed that the aircraft would use a continuous descent approach; this would require significantly less engine thrust and therefore the noise on the ground would be reduced. There would also be significant fuel savings and consequently a reduction in emissions.

With regards to trialling this approach, it was advised that it could be undertaken at night in the first instance.

6 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

M Cotterill provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- The Airport was officially the fastest growing in the North. Recent figures released by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) showed that passenger numbers at the Airport were up, putting them as the fifth fastest growing airport in the UK. BBC Look North had broadcast this excellent news story on Tuesday 9 June.
- In terms of growth, there had been 9 new routes announced to date since January 2014.
- Wizz Air had launched a new route to Kosice, which commenced on Sunday 7 June.
- Wizz Air had introduced 3 new routes from Robin Hood this year.

- TUI UK had announced that they would be launching new routes in summer 2016 from Robin Hood to Larnaca (Cyprus) and Heraklion (Crete).
- The Aer Lingus Regional service to Dublin had commenced on 29th May from Robin Hood, with onward connections available to four Aer Lingus transatlantic destinations – New York, Boston, Chicago and Toronto.
- Cargo Traffic had surpassed 1100 tonnes during the 2014/15 financial year. During April to May 2015, 500 tonnes of freight had passed through the Airport.
- In relation to the bid submitted by the Airport to the Government's Regional Air Connectivity Fund for a daily weekday Bmi regional route between Robin Hood Airport and Frankfurt, it was reported that the early indications were positive, with successful bids being announced in July.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor, Environment and Community Officer regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period March to May 2015.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements from March to May 2015.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from March to May 2015.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to May 2015.

b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by Robin Hood Airport from 1 March 2015 to 31 May 2015, amounted to 69 complaints.
 - On 21st April 2015 the Airport received 7 complaints regarding training flights from runway 02.
 - On 22nd April 2015 the Airport received 11 complaints regarding training flights from runway 02.

Town Councillor Cropley informed the Committee that there had been one occasion last week, where there had been easyJet training flights from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm followed by Monarch training flights which had gone on well into the

evening (approximately 8:00 pm), causing a number of residents from Bawtry to complain to the Town Council.

It was noted that K Naylor would provide a response directly to Town Councillor Cropley.

Parish Councillor McCarron informed the Committee that at the 21st May 2015 Blaxton Parish Council meeting, a member of the public had presented details of a complaint they had made to the Airport about training flights by an easyJet aircraft and had provided a copy of the reply from the Airport. The particular aircraft had undertaken 44 circuits in a 'racetrack' pattern following a route to the East of the Airport as opposed to the Noise Preferential Routes which departing aircraft would normally follow.

It had been agreed at the meeting that the Parish Council Clerk writes to the Airport to request that flight paths and the duration of training flights be adjusted to reduce the nuisance experienced by residents.

A Tolhurst reminded the Committee that as the aircraft were remaining in the circuit, it was not necessary for pilots to follow the Noise Preferential Routes. Training pilots follow a race-track circuit with the aircraft being at 2000 ft above ground level on the downwind leg. It was also noted that there would be a discussion with easyJet's Training Captain to highlight the need for pilots to be aware of the impact training circuits have on local communities.

ii) Robin Hood's total number of complaints and type of complaints for the period 1 March 2015 to 31 May 2015.

c) Number of Complaints and Individuals for March 2015 to May 2015

i) During March 2015, the Airport received 18 complaints from 6 individuals.

ii) During April 2015, the Airport received 26 complaints from 20 individuals.

iii) During May 2015, the Airport received 25 complaints from 17 individuals.

d) Number of Complaints and Individuals from each area from 1 May 2015 to 31 May 2015

i) During the period the highest number of complaints received by the airport from each area during the period were:

24 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area;
16 complaints from 12 individuals residing in Bawtry;
7 complaints from 4 individuals in Wroot; and
6 complaints for 6 individuals from Blaxton.

The Committee asked if future presentations could include details of the type of aircrafts individuals from each area had complained about. **ACTION: K Naylor to pick up in future presentations.**

ii) The percentage of total complaints from each area for the period.

- iii) The number of complaints and comparison figures for March to May 2014 and 2015.
- iv) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2015.
- v) The annual number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards. During 2015 there had been 88 complaints received by the Airport to 31 May 2015.
- vi) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for March 2015 to May 2015.
- vii) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures March 2015 to May 2015.
- viii) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to May 2015.
- ix) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to May 2015.
- x) The number of Engine Tests for March 2015 to May 2015.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8 ANNUAL NOISE REPORT APRIL 2014 - MARCH 2015

The Committee were presented with the Annual Noise Report for the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

It was agreed that a copy of the report be submitted to Doncaster MBC in accordance with the provisions set out in the Section 106 agreement.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Committee notes and approves the contents of the 2014/15 Annual Noise Report.
- ii) That a copy of the Annual Noise Report 2014/15 be submitted to Doncaster MBC in accordance with the provisions set out in the Section 106 agreement.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

K Naylor informed the Committee that the Airport were currently considering obtaining the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO 50001) Energy Management accreditation.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

10 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

K Naylor informed the Committee that the Airport were looking to re-establish the Community Investment Fund.

The Committee commented that they would welcome the re-introduction of the Community Investment Fund.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Hedge Rows

Parish Councillor McCarron wished to inform the Airport that the hedges rows in the vicinity of the Airport now required trimming again, following the departure of nesting birds. **ACTION: K Naylor to inform L Daffern.**

ii) Problems re: Car Parking in Auckley

Parish Councillor Swainston informed the Committee that he had received a number of complaints from Auckley residents regarding individuals either parking their vehicles on estate roads and at the new housing development in Auckley and waiting until they received a call to collect passengers from the Airport.

There had also been instances where passengers had left their vehicles parked-up for several weeks on estate roads in Auckley and then collected their vehicle upon return.

Parish Councillor Swainston asked if the Airport could consider lengthening the 15 minutes free car parking offer to a longer period of time.

It was agreed that M Cotterill discusses further with the Airport's Commercial Team. **ACTION: M Cotterill**

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR