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STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GROUP

NOTE OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GROUP HELD AT STANSTED AIRPORT ON 29 JULY 2015

ATTENDEES

Keith Artus (Chairman)
Graham McAndrew
Jackie Cheetham
Stewart Accurst
Steve Bailes
Zhanine Oates

Also present:

Chris Wiggan - London Stansted Airport
Duncan Smith - London Stansted Airport
Frank Evans (Secretary and Technical Adviser)

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies had been received.

2. Notes of previous meetings

The Group confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 13 May 2015 (Copy attached). NB – The notes were received and endorsed at the STACC meeting on 24 June 2015.

3. Action points

All action points arising from the last meeting were covered under agenda items.

4. Environmental Issues

The Group noted that the list of commitments requested for the meeting had not yet been produced. The Group had also asked for information about examples of any cases of projects had been authorised on environmental rather than business case grounds. In discussion, there was further debate about the payback period for environmental projects. It had been confirmed at the June STACC meeting that the period was normally three years. It was queried as to whether this was a relatively short period for assessing environmental projects. It was also noted that the focus of the projects tended to be terminal rather airfield based.

Whilst the Group welcomed the informative presentations it had received from the airport, it felt that more information needed to be provided on benchmarking the airport's performance against other airports (and wider) and obtaining information about best practice. The Secretary and Technical Adviser was therefore requested to undertake further research about other airports and non

airport comparators such as shopping malls and report back to the Group. There might be advantage in inviting suitable representatives to make presentations at future meetings

5. Alternative metrics

At the previous meeting it had been decided to defer any action on Dr Hooper's paper for the time being on the grounds that the Department for Transport was understood to be considering a consultation on airspace and noise issues in the autumn. The consultation was likely to cover the issue of noise metrics.

In further discussion, the Group welcomed Dr Hooper's paper which had been informative and interesting. However it was considered that the paper should be amplified and examine metrics which took in the following factors:-

- the low ambient environment in which Stansted was located;
- the parameters to be used (load factor, number of aircraft movements and passenger numbers);
- the effect of runway direction;
- whether N60 or N70 should be used.

It was agreed that the AMT would liaise further with Dr Hooper on the above points.

6. Airspace changes

RNP Trial

Following his letter to the Irish Aeronautical Authorities, the Managing Director had contacted Michael O'Leary (Ryanair) to try and unblock the log jam that seemed to be preventing Ryanair's long overdue participation in the trial. The AMT advised that they had just received a letter from the airline's Head of Operations stating that they had applied to the IAA for RNP approval and expected to have a response in the coming weeks. It was agreed that the AMT should follow this up in mid August.

RNP Consultation

The AMT advised that the airport proposed to launch the consultation at the end of August/early September. The consultation would last 13 weeks. There would be a number of documents including a summary sheet designed to help local residents to understand the consultation and issues involved. There would also be a number of local outreach events for parish councils. It was agreed that it would be helpful if EIG had sight of the consultation documents before they were finalised.

Next Steps

The Group considered that work should be set in hand to consider whether other routes might be suitable for RNP operations. Looking longer term, there would be a need to conduct this work for the LAMP project. Given this, the Group considered that there would be advantage in commencing the design work now.

6. Annual Work Programme

The Secretary was invited to update the EIG elements in the AWP.

7. Corporate Social Responsibility Report

Members were asked to forward any comments on the draft skeleton structure to the Secretary.

8. ANMAC

The Secretary advised the Group that work was currently been undertaken on both arrival noise controls and departure noise limits. The report on arrivals noise was likely to be completed first.

9. Airports Commission

It was noted that the Commission's final report included recommendations on the introduction of a noise levy by airports introducing a noise levy and the establishment of an independent noise authority. Further consideration would have to await the Government's response to the report. This was expected by the end of the year.

10. Date of Next Meeting

11 November 2015

ACTION POINTS

Noise metrics

- The AMT to liaise with Dr Hooper on suggested amendments to his paper

Airspace

- The AMT to contact Ryanair in mid August to check whether the IAA had granted approval for RNP operations.
- The AMT to provide EIG with copies of the draft consultation documents for comment.

CSR

- Members to provide the Secretary with comments on the draft skeleton structure.
- The Secretary to undertake research on identifying comparators in both the airport and non airport sector.

Annual Work Programme

- The Secretary to update the EIG elements in the AWP in the light of the discussion.