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AGENDA

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Venue
Dove/Carvair Meeting Room
3rd Floor
Enterprise House
Stansted Airport

Wednesday 4 October 2017

Time 2.00pm

Secretary Frank Evans

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1. Welcome introduction by STACC Chairman

i. New Members, Apologies and Deputising Attenders

2. Public Question Time

Gerrie Johnson

“Will STACC take that role seriously and shine a light on this issue which is so important to many people who were/still are local residents and who have been adversely affected by the Airport's expansion? It seems unfair and unjust that these people, through no fault of their own, have been denied their legal entitlement to claim compensation under the Act by the unreasonable behaviour of STAL. It is now surely up to STAL to compensate these people for having denied them their legal rights by incorrectly asserting that compensation was not due when in fact it was.”

Background note

“ Last year Stansted Airport Limited (STAL) had to agree to deal with applications for compensation from local residents who had been affected by works undertaken at the Airport between 1999 and 2007. Many local residents affected by the Airport's expansion had been asking for years, both personally and through parish and district councils, when they could apply for the second tranche of compensation due in respect of Phase 2 of the development of the Airport to handle up to 15 million passengers per annum. They were constantly told that compensation wasn't due yet as the works hadn't been finished and it took legal action in 2015/2016 by a local resident for STAL to acknowledge that, after all, the works completed by March 2007 (some 9 years earlier) should have triggered the next round of compensation.

STAL are now refusing to accept applications from those who have sold their properties since March 2007 without having first claimed compensation. The reason people did not claim compensation was because they believed what STAL had told them, namely, that they could not, and should not, do so. Having misled everyone by incorrectly describing the legal position under the Land Compensation Act 1973 (“the Act”), thereby quite unjustly denying residents their legal entitlement to claim compensation, STAL are now using the Act to deny those same residents any right to claim compensation on the grounds that they have subsequently sold their property and no longer have a qualifying interest. This does not seem fair. Nor do new owners of the property have any qualifying interest as they didn't live there during the specific time.

I lived in Great Hallingbury (one of the areas worst affected by the Airport) for 25 years from 1990-2015 and I have recently discovered I was eligible to claim compensation. Residents of at least 88 other properties (in Great Hallingbury alone), who, like me, owned and occupied their homes during the years in question, but have since sold them, are now being told they have forfeited their legal entitlement to claim compensation. How many more people in all the other villages and towns around the Airport will be similarly affected? So this is a very serious issue which is not going to go away. It involves the non-payment by STAL of millions of pounds of compensation.

STACC is a forum for Airport issues that affect local residents, as well as passengers and other users. According to the Department for Transport's guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees (ACCs), whilst recognising that ACCs are not dispute resolution forums nor have any executive power over an airport, "as far as possible, the committee should take a constructive role in issues, taking the opportunity to influence matters where appropriate" and also "facilitate constructive discussion and help resolve differences".

3. Minutes

To **approve** as a correct record the attached draft Minutes of the STACC Annual Meeting meeting held on 28 June 2017.

4. Border Force

The BF will update the Committee on recent developments.

5 Working Groups : Reports of meeting

To **receive and endorse** the Minutes and Notes of the following Working Group meetings since the June meeting

- i. Environmental Issues Group 26 July 2017
- ii. User Experience Group 5 July and 20 September 2017
- iii. Corporate Affairs Group 4 July 2017

6. Airport CEO's report

To **receive** the attached report

7. Awayday

- i. **to approve** the attached draft note of the **Away day** held on 31 August. The draft incorporates comments received since the issue of the note.
- ii. **to approve** the following suggested changes to the Constitution (copy attached) as discussed at the Away day

Membership - page 3 sub paragraph 3

- iv. Amend the users section to reduce the passenger airlines representation to one representative;
- v. Amend to include retail interests representative;

Urgent Business - page 6 paragraph 2

Delete phrase " in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee" at lines 5 and 6. This would allow the Chairman of the relevant Working Group to have delegated authority in the absence of the STACC Chairman.

8. Department for Transport "Beyond the Horizon" consultation

As previously advised in the Secretary's e-mail of 21 July, the Government has launched its call for evidence to help shape and promote the future of the aviation industry both up to 2050 and beyond. At this stage the Government is seeking views on its approach and the key elements of the strategy. The Committee is invited to consider the Secretary's attached discussion paper and agree upon the approach to inform the Committee's response to the Department. A draft response will be circulated to members after the meeting for comment. The consultation closes on 13 October.

9. 2018 Meeting dates

Members are invited to note that the meetings of the Committee in 2018 will be held on the following dates:-

31 January
25 April
27 June
3 October

All four meetings will be held in the airport's Aerozone facility.

**Stansted Airport Consultative Committee
September 2017**