

STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GROUP

Meeting: 09.30 - 12.30 Wednesday 21 February 2018

Venue: Meeting Room A119 1st Floor Enterprise House, Stansted Airport

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Shena Winning and Steve Bailes.

2. Notes of previous meeting

The Group confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 29 November. NB – The notes were received and endorsed at the STACC meeting on 24 January 2018.

3. Action points

Update on action points arising from the last meeting.

●Dover/Clacton

The Group noted that a further letter to the Chief Executive about the route switch had been agreed and sent later that day. A copy would be circulated to Members.

It was noted that there seemed to be some misunderstanding amongst some STACC members about airspace issues. There were a number of different issues - the Dover/Clacton route switch; PBN and the general increase in traffic. It was agreed that there would be value in the Chairman providing an information briefing note to the April STACC meeting.

4. NATS

Robin Clarke (Community Relations Manager) gave a presentation on LAMP 2 (London Airspace Management Programme)(copy attached). The main points to emerge were:-

The objective of LAMP was to address the need to modernise UK airspace to meet future demand. The same design dating back from the 1950s continued to be used. The project would redesign the LTMA (London Terminal Manoeuvring Area) and en-route airspace to eliminate choke points and alleviate areas of high traffic concentrations. The underlying premise was that airspace capacity should not be a capacity constraint for existing or planned runways.

NATS were responsible for the re-design above 9,000ft. 15 airports in the south of England would need to plan to redesign their lower level airspace. This would require those airports to co-ordinate closely together.

NATS were working to an indicative timeline that envisaged implementation in 2023/24. Design work engaging with airports would take place in 2018-20. Formal consultations would follow in 2020-21.

5. Future PBN routes

It was agreed there would be value in arranging a meeting with East Herts Council and the County Council to discuss the broad design principles for future PBN BZD routes. In preparation for this, it was agreed that the AMT should revisit their earlier briefing note and update where necessary. This could then be shared with EIG before presenting to the councils. The AMT were also asked to update the Track Density Report which had been submitted to an earlier meeting.

6. Noise Action Plan

The AMT advised that the revised plan was currently being drafted. The airport were required to submit the plan for formal Ministerial approval in August. The revised plan would be likely to include the mitigation measures which were being developed as part of the planning application. The draft plan would be completed within a month. It was agreed that the draft should be shared with EIG before being finalised. Given that the airport had held a number of local engagement events in preparation for the planning application, the AMT advised that there would only be a limited consultation (including STACC and EIG).

7. Electric vehicles

It was noted that the AMT would be making a presentation to the July meeting.

8. Benchmarking

It was noted that a possible project was being considered.

9. Energy and Water Consumption

The AMT made the attached presentation. This covered a wide range of issues. These included:-

On energy action was in hand to increase the use of LED lighting as well as considering opportunities for the use of solar power;

There was an active programme to monitor water usage including regular inspections;

75% of waste was sent for recycling. It was suggested that the airport might take particular action in respect of the issue of plastics (eg bottles, straws and coffee cups). This might involve developing policies with the retailers. Consideration might also be given to the provision of water fountains. It was noted that passengers could take empty bottles through Security which could then be filled airside. It was further noted that the airport were holding a Recycling week beginning 19 March. This could be used to highlight some of these issues.

Looking ahead it was agreed that it would be helpful if the AMT could make further presentations on environmental issues. these might include Water Strategy; Renewables including solar power: Waste (especially plastics) and how environmental factors would be incorporated in the new build.

10. Date of Next Meeting

23 May 2018

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Action points

- The AMT to revise their initial note on PBN and let EIG have sight;
- The AMT to update their Track Density Report;
- The AMT to complete their revised draft noise action plan within a month and let EIG have sight before it went out for consultation.
- The AMT to confirm the environmental issues that they propose to cover as a part of EIG's forward programme.
- The Secretary and Technical Adviser to circulate a copy of the letter that the Chairman had sent to the the CAA relating to the Dover/Clacton route switch;
- The Chairman to provide an information briefing note on airspace issues to the April STACC meeting.

ACTION POINTS

Future PBN routes

- i. The note on future BZD options would be revised and shared with EIG.
- ii. A subsequent meeting would then be arranged with East Herts Council - possibly involving an Essex CC representative as well as meetings with other key stakeholders (eg the hospital).
- iii. A meeting would then arranged with the CAA.
- iv. EIG representatives would be invited to attend these meetings.
- v. It was suggested that there might be value in giving NATS a heads up before the February EIG meeting

Low Carbon

- i. EIG would be provided with a copy of the presentation
- ii. EIG would be given an opportunity to comment on the draft strategy before it is finalised.
- iii. There would be an update on progress at the July 2018 EIG.

Benchmarking

- i. The Secretary would provide the AMT with a copy of the draft proposal EIG had received and welcome comments as to priority areas for research

Environmental Issues

- i. The AMT would provide the Secretary with a list of possible topics for future presentations at EIG meetings.

High Easters

- i. The Chairman would write to the CAA following the unsatisfactory reply received in response to the Group's letter on the post implementation review of the DVR/CLN route change.
- ii. The Chairman would also write to Margaret Beer (High Easters residents)