

STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GROUP

Meeting: 10.30 - 13.00 Wednesday 28 November 2018

Venue: Dove Meeting Room Enterprise House, Stansted Airport

Notes

1. Apologies for absence

Shena Winning and Simon Walsh

2. Notes of previous meeting

The Group confirmed the notes of the meeting held on 25 July. (NB These Notes had been received and endorsed by STACC at its meeting on 3 October 2018.)

3. Action points arising from previous meeting

PBN Routes

As agreed at the last meeting Members had held a preliminary meeting with local authorities on the introduction of further PBN routes on 26 September. This had been a helpful and constructive meeting and had served to set the scene for development of future PBN routes. The next step was to establish a timetable. The AMT advised that they were working on a governance plan which covered all routes. This would be shared with EIG once complete. Members stressed the need for the plan to set out a timed programme covering gateway dates.

Members expressed some concern about implementation of the CAA's new airspace guidance. It had been suggested that there might be some flexibility in the process but current experience indicated that the CAA were adopting a rigid approach. It was also suggested that the CAA's response times might be limited by staff resources.

Noise Action Plan

This is discussed under Item 4 below.

Visit to Control Tower

This would be deferred until 2019.

Low/zero emission vehicles

It was reported that both East Herts and Uttlesford Council were currently consulting on an Age Emissions policy for Taxis. It was understood that the two authorities licenced over 2,600 vehicles.

4. Noise Action Plan

At the July meeting, it had been agreed that EIG would submit comments on the draft Plan before it was issued for public consultation. It was subsequently agreed at the STAC October meeting that EIG would have an opportunity to offer comments on the final draft Plan before it was submitted to Government approval. The Secretary and Technical Adviser had prepared a paper setting out the main issues for members' consideration.

In discussion, Members noted that the END required that "The action planning process uses the latest mapping results and was designed to manage noise issues and effects arising from aircraft departing from and arriving at those airports.". The Group were concerned that this gave no indication that action should be taken to reduce noise. As currently drafted, the emphasis in the Plan appeared to be on managing noise rather than acting to reduce noise. It was therefore suggested that the NAP summary should contain some commitment to "seeking to minimise the noise impact on local residents wherever possible"

Members noted that the WHO had now published new noise health guidance and suggested that the NAP be amended to reflect this. Health was a very important issue for local residents. Whilst it was noted that that the new guidance was aspirational and a response was awaited from central Government, Members considered that there should be recognition in the Plan to cover the issue of health impacts and STAL should include a commitment to report on progress.

Members then reviewed in detail the Secretary's paper against the draft plan. It was agreed that the Group would collate comments and send these to the AMT. (**Secretary's Note** a copy of the Group's comments is attached)

5. Benchmarking

- i. The AMT updated the Group on the process so far with the transformation project and how the airport propose to handle the benchmarking / targeting of the environmental performance of the new build elements. The key areas were CO₂, waste and water. It was agreed that it would be helpful if the Group could be regularly advised as to progress.
- ii. The Group previously received benchmarking information relevant to the CSR report. However this had not been provided for the last two years. Members considered that it was important to be able to benchmark Stansted's performance against other airports and comparable facilities. The AMT advised that they would consider what information was available. It was their impression that Stansted generally compared well against other airports.

6. Future Environmental Presentations

- i. The Group received a presentation from the AMT. (copy attached). It was noted that the airport was proposing a bio-diversity event next spring. It was suggested that the Group might wish to participate in the event
- ii. It originally been proposed that this meeting would receive a presentation on the solar PV project. However it was now understood that this was a work in progress and as a result the presentation had been deferred until 2019.

7 Any Other Business

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

13 February 2019

It was agreed that the Secretary would investigate the possibility of holding future meetings at the Aerozone and that meetings should commence at 0930.

Other meetings in 2019 were:-

22 May

24 July

27 November