STANSTED AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday 22 October 2019 @ 1300-1500
Venue : Aerozone

1. Apologies for Absence and Deputising Attenders

2. Public Question Time

Raymond Woodcock

"Surface vehicle parking bays has increased, an example, the new multi-story car park.

Stansted airport, STAL, is asked, how many parking bays are currently at the airport to include, short, medium and long-term, car hire, hotels, airport workers and all other vehicle parking bays broken down into their many categories?

How many additional vehicle parking bays can be provided under the current planning consent and does the airport expect to need all these additional bays and by when?"

(Note: the following statement was tabled by Michael Belcher on the issue of land compensation. After consideration it has been decided to take this under a specific agenda item (Item 8 below) rather than under Public Question Time.

STACC has been monitoring for the past 3 years the process set out by STAL in its Guide to Residents for dealing with compensation claims under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 ("the Act"). This statement draws the Committee's attention to a serious problem that has recently been discovered in this process.

In the Guide to Residents published in 2016 and updated in 2018 STAL has failed to disclose the following significant airfield infrastructure works which it has built and brought into use in the period from 1999 to 2007:

a section of Taxiway Juliet (from Y to P), the Zulu (North) apron and stands and Runway Access Taxiway 5. This fact has come to light from a comparison of the airport layout plans included in the 1998 planning application with the airport layout plan included in the 2006 planning application. The 2013 aerial photograph of the airport at Appendix 1 of the Guide to Residents clearly shows that these airfield infrastructure works have been completed, but they are not referred to anywhere in that document.

As a result of this failure to disclose key information directly relevant to claims for compensation under the Act residents are unable to resolve their outstanding claims. Those claims which STAL has told the Committee it has already satisfactorily resolved have instead been settled in reliance on what some residents might consider to be a false prospectus. As a consequence the compensation process which STAL established on the basis of its Guide to Residents and which this Committee has been monitoring must be regarded as fatally flawed.

STACC is requested to consider whether in these circumstances a new process is required and to invite STAL to explain how it proposes take matters forward. The following initial actions are suggested as an appropriate starting point:

- *Write to all claimants and/or their agents to notify them of the non-disclosure.*
- *Make full disclosure to claimants and/or their agents of all airfield infrastructure works built since 1998.*
- *Extend the deadline for all claimants to refer their claims to the Lands Tribunal until at least 31 December 2020. This is to allow time for STAL to provide the information required and for claimants to consult with professional advisors and take appropriate action.*
- *Publish an updated Guide to Residents inviting residents who have not already done so to submit claims for compensation.*

It is hoped that STACC will continue to monitor on a regular basis STAL's progress in dealing with compensation claims fairly and transparently in accordance with the Act.)

3. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the attached draft Minutes of the Committee meeting held on June 26th 2019.

4. Matters Arising

Any outstanding matters recorded in the Minutes of the previous meeting are considered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. Working Groups: Reports of meetings

The Committee is invited to receive and endorse the Minutes of the following Working Group meetings held since the June 2019 meeting.

i. User Experience Group - 10 July and 18 September May 2019;
ii. Environmental Issues Group - 24 July 2019 (nb the proposed meeting for 27 September was postponed due to the unavoidable unavailability of STACC representatives)

6. Getting Fit For Summer

The Airport Management team (AMT) are invited to report upon the airport's summer performance.

7. Climate Change

The AMT are invited to provide an overview of current developments.

8. Land Compensation

The AMT will respond to the issue raised under Public Question Time

9. Airport Management Matters

To receive the report of the Chief Executive and the accompanying traffic statistics.

10. Socio Impact Study

The Chairman will update the Committee on progress on the development of the study and seek the Committee's approval to develop the work further.

11. Induction

The Chairman will report on the recent induction event. A short paper is attached.

12. Date of next meeting

It is proposed that the Committee should meet on the following dates in 2020:-

Wednesday 29 January
Wednesday 29 April
Wednesday 24 June
Wednesday 30 September