

## Consultative Committee

### DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

### 24 JUNE 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

C Barnes (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Parish Councillor R Castle (Substitute Member for Finningley Parish Council), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), A Dutton (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor S Knowles (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Parish Councillor S Ward (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor C Beckett (Austerfield Parish Council), Parish Councillor J Clarke (Finningley Parish Council), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), K Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), K Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Town Councillor P Walker (Tickhill Town Council) and Parish Councillor M Watson (North East Bassetlaw Forum / Misson Parish Council)

#### 1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the remote meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

An extended welcome went to new Committee Members Councillor Barry Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Sue Knowles (Doncaster MBC) and to Parish Councillor Stephen Ward (Cantley with Branton Parish Council).

For the benefit of new Members, A Tolhurst explained that there may be aviation phrases, abbreviations and expressions used in today's meeting that may not be familiar to new Members; if they were unsure of terms used, they were asked to notify him for further explanation.

A Tolhurst expressed the Committee's gratitude to those Members who had left the Committee this year.

A letter of thanks had been sent to Peter Edwards who had been a Member of the Committee since 2016 and to Jennifer Worthington who had been a long-standing Member of the Committee since 2008.

The Committee also wished to place on record its thanks to both Peter Edwards and Jennifer Worthington for all of their contributions and wished them both all the very best for the future.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

## **2**     ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst opened the meeting and asked the Committee if roadmaps, antibodies, quarantine, vaccine rollouts and passports, traffic lights, chaos – sounded familiar to them? These were some of the words and phrases which had become part of everyday language over the past 15 months or so.

‘Freedom Day’ had been delayed again as we stay in partial lockdown. ‘Lockdown’, was other phrase that we will endure when the pandemic is over.

While adopting a cautious approach is understandable, the delay in a return to normality has had a significant impact on the national economy.

But for the aviation and tourism sectors delays and uncertainties have made an already dire situation even worse in a world in which foreign travel is a norm.

For example, in the quarter January to March this year only 3.4 million passengers flew in or out of the UK, which represents a 94% reduction on the 2019 figures for the same period.

While there has been a lack of international protocols to open free movement within Europe there is hope that the US-UK market will open again soon under the traffic light system and this, in turn, could open up European destinations. And this week there has news that those who have had two inoculations may have more freedom to travel.

In today’s news, Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel had suggested that all EU countries should make British travellers quarantine on arrival to slow the spread of the Delta variant.

The focus now must be on the relaunch to ensure commercial survival. Planning will also have to take account of the move to a greener world as the UK seeks to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. This will, no doubt, add to operating costs and will eventually fall to the consumer to pay.

## **3**     MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2021

RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Update on the Central Plaza (GatewayEast) Development

It was agreed that a copy of the GatewayEast Economic Blueprint document would be circulated to the Committee, for information. **ACTION: A Tolhurst via A Shirt.**

ii) HM Treasury Consultation on Air Passenger Duty (APD)

A Tolhurst thanked Parish Councillor Swainston for the comments he had provided on the APD Consultation.

On behalf of the Committee, A Tolhurst had submitted a joint response directly to HM Treasury. In summary, he was of the opinion that, it was sensible to have a two tier APD system with lower taxes for commercial flight passengers locally and a tier system for commercial flights dependent upon the distance of travel.

iii) Feedback from Sub-Committee Members – ACC Newsletter

Following the March meeting, it was confirmed that a short Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) newsletter had been produced and issued for inclusion in the local 'Today' publications to be circulated in the immediate vicinity of the airport.

It had been agreed that a quarterly ACC newsletter would be produced and issued for publication following the quarterly ACC meeting to help keep residents informed of the work of the ACC.

5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That Members noted the following changes of membership on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee:-

- Doncaster MBC have appointed Councillor Barry Johnson (in place of ex-Councillor Mick Cooper).
- Doncaster MBC have appointed Councillor Sue Knowles (in place of ex-Councillor Frank Tyas).
- Doncaster MBC have re-appointed Councillors Steve Cox and Martin Greenhalgh.
- Blaxton Parish Council have re-appointed Parish Councillor Norma McCarron (with Parish Councillor Sarah Lee as Substitute Member).
- Cantley with Branton Parish Council have appointed Parish Councillor Stephen Ward (in place of ex-Parish Councillor Jennifer Worthington).
- North East Bassetlaw Forum / Misson Parish Council have appointed Parish Councillor Mark Watson (in place of ex-Parish Councillor Peter Edwards).

- Tickhill Town Council have appointed Town Councillor Peter Walker (in place of ex-Town Councillor Nigel Cannings).

## **6 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT**

The Committee received a presentation from C Barnes regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

The presentation included analysis of the number of air transport movements, number of complaints and individuals from each area (with and without the regular individual) and the total number of complaints compared to the previous year.

The presentation also detailed DSA's annual number of complaints and total air transport movements from 2005 to 2021, the number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, the number of night time departures that did not follow the Noise Preferential Route from March to May 2021, the number of Quota Count 4 Movements from March to May 2021, the number of Quota Count Points from April 2005 to May 2021 and the number of Engine Tests undertaken during the period March to May 2021.

During the period, a total of 12 complaints had been received, although 7 were from one individual and 5 were not. It was noted that the majority of the complaints were relating to aircraft arrivals during the day (07:00-23:00). There had been no complaints received relating to engine tests.

In response to a question from A Tolhurst, Members' stated that they had not received any direct complaints from local residents in relation to training flights currently operating at DSA. However, Parish Councillor McCarron said she was aware that a local resident had complained to the airport about the recent military training flights being conducted at the airport

The Committee thanked C Barnes for his informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## **7 ANNUAL NOISE REPORT 2020/21**

C Barnes presented the Annual Noise Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

In summary, the Annual Noise Report presented details of:

- A review of operations 2005 to 2020
- Runway use for the period April 2020 – March 2021
- Runway use for the period April 2005 – March 2021
- The Quota Count Point (QCP) System
- The Noise Monitoring Terminals
- Examples of Noise Monitoring Data
- An introduction to Noise Complaints
- The Annual number Noise Complaints and Aircraft Movements 2005 - 2021
- The number of Noise Complaints received during 2020/21

- The Night-time Noise Sanctions Scheme
- Historical Noise Complaints April 2005 – March 2021
- Annual Noise Complaints and Aircraft Movements 2005 – 2021
- Noise Preferential Routes (NPRs)
- Track Performance
- Night-time Performance for runway 20, April 2020 – March 2021
- Sound Insulation Grants Scheme

Following discussion, the Committee asked if the report could include further information to explain the Quota Count Points system. **ACTION: C Barnes**

A Tolhurst thanked C Barnes for presenting an overview of the Annual Noise Report 2020/21.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Committee noted and approved the contents of the 2020/21 Annual Noise report.
- ii) That, subject to further information being included in the report in relation to the Quota Count Points system, a copy of the Annual Noise Report 2020/21 be submitted to Doncaster MBC in accordance with the provisions set out in the Section 106 agreement.

**8** ANNUAL NOISE REPORT 2019/20

The Committee were informed that the Annual Noise Report for 2019/20 would be presented to the Committee in due course, following receipt of data from DSA colleagues.

**9** ICCAN NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021

The Committee noted that the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise's (ICCAN) Newsletter – June 2021 was available to view online at <https://iccan.gov.uk/iccan-news-blog/>

A Tolhurst informed Members that ICCAN's Head Commissioner had expressed a wish via the UK Airport Consultative Committees (UKACCs) Secretariat to attend a number of ACC meetings in the Autumn to provide an update on the work of ICCAN and to learn more about the work of that ACC and its Sub-Committee.

Following discussion, Members agreed to invite R Light, Head Commissioner, ICCAN to attend the September meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. **ACTION: A Tolhurst / A Shirt**

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the contents of ICCAN's Newsletter – June 2021.

**10**     UK CAA - AIRSPACE MODERNISATION STRATEGY - SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AT PLAYBACK SESSIONS

The Committee noted the contents of a Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) document which set out the feedback received from stakeholders as part of their engagement sessions on the review of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS).

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the contents of the CAA’s document entitled ‘Summary of key discussion points at playback sessions’.

**11**     COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) had received and considered twelve Community Investment Fund applications at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Following careful consideration against the Community Investment Fund criteria, the ACC had made a recommendation to DSA that they should provide funding to seven projects in 2021, totalling c £10,000.

The Committee were informed that Finningley Village Community Group had submitted a Community Investment Fund application in 2020, which had unfortunately been overlooked.

The Committee were provided with an overview of the funding request and asked to consider the application.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the application did not meet the criteria of the Community Investment Fund. The Committee recommended that DSA should not support the application.

RESOLVED –

- i)     That the Committee noted the update.
- ii)    That the Committee considered and recommended that DSA should not support Finningley Village Community Group’s Community Investment Fund application.

**12**     ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

A Dutton reported that a large amount of work had been undertaken during the last 12 months by the aviation industry in relation to sustainable fuels.

Members were informed that the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Alliance had launched earlier this week, its commitment to achieving net zero and its first interim decarbonisation targets.

The UK aviation sector had committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, through an international approach working with governments around the world and through the UN.

A Road Map had been developed setting out how aviation could accommodate a 70% growth in passengers by 2050 whilst reducing net carbon emissions levels, via the use of smarter operations, new aircraft and engine technology, modernising airspace and through the use of sustainable aviation fuels.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

**13**     FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

i)     Airport Perimeter Hedge, Station Road, Blaxton

Parish Councillor McCarron reported that the airport's perimeter hedge on Station Road, Blaxton now required trimming back. **ACTION: A Shirt to inform K Moran.**

ii)    Contact Details for Submitting Noise Complaints to DSA

Councillor Curran suggested that it would be helpful if contact details could be included on future agenda papers setting out how individuals could submit noise complaints to DSA. **ACTION: A Shirt to include details on future agenda papers.**

Councillor Curran also suggested that contact details be included in future ACC newsletters, but acknowledged this may create additional complaints if details were publicised in local magazines.

iii)   Concrete Block – Old Bawtry Road and Flooding Issues / Drainage – First Avenue

Councillor Cox asked if K Stow / G Finch could provide him with updates on the concrete blocks placed on Old Bawtry Road and flooding / drainage issues on First Avenue. **ACTION: A Tolhurst to request K Stow / G Finch to contact Councillor Cox.**

Parish Councillor Castle reported that littering along Old Bawtry Road was becoming a problem again. He added that the number of plane spotters parking their vehicles in Finningley village had reduced to a large extent.

iv)    Airport Community Investment Fund – Wadworth Maypole

Councillor Greenhalgh reported that following a contribution from the Airport's Community Investment Fund, the Wadworth Maypole had now moved position to the centre of the village green. He asked if the Airport could contact him with a view to arranging a press release.

**ACTION: A Shirt to notify S Boote**

**14**     ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Councillor McCarron reported that she had recently observed military aircraft flying over Blaxton who had been undertaking training at DSA for a period of two days. She understood that military aircraft could use airports to test runway positions etc. and asked if anyone could provide any further details.

In response, A Tolhurst said that military crews, like civilian pilots were required to undertake training sorties to maintain both their proficiency and flying hours.

A number of commercial pilots were currently visiting DSA to undertake circuit training to refresh themselves of aircraft handling and landing etc.

To provide military crews with variety, they also visit a selection of other bases in order to follow the procedures in place at a different base and to keep themselves current and up to date with training.

**15**    **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 10:00 am.

CHAIR