



## Consultative Committee

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Dear Member

### **DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** **THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021**

I write to inform you that the next meeting of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee will be held on **Thursday 14 October 2021 at 10.00 am**

Please note car parking is available in Heyford House staff car park; access can be gained by pressing the 'help' button.

The agenda and supporting papers are attached for information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'ASHIRT'.

Andrew Shirt  
Committee Secretary

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## **Membership:**

Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

Neal Biddle (Peel Land and Property), Councillor Joe Blackham (Doncaster MBC), Stacey Boote (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Andrew Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor Steve Cox (Doncaster MBC), Jade Dyer (Doncaster Chamber), Gareth Finch (Peel Land and Property & Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor Robin Franklin (Barnsley MBC), Andrew Gates (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority), Councillor Martin Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Chris Hall (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Barry Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Glyn Jones (Doncaster MBC), Peter Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority LEP Private Sector Board Member), Councillor Denise Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Councillor Jessie Milne (West Lindsey District Council), County Councillor Chris Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor Clio Lyndon Perraton-Williams (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor David Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), Adrian Platts (Doncaster Chamber), Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs (Sheffield City Council), Marina Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), Mark Sewell (Doncaster MBC), Andrew Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC), Kate Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Tom Sutton (Sheffield Chamber of Commerce), County Councillor Nigel Turner (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Yvonne Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

## **Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-**

Town Councillor Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council) and Parish Councillor Norma McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council)

## **Purpose of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee**

The Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee provides the mechanism for the exchange of information between the Airport Operator (Peel Airports Ltd), users of the airport, local authorities in the vicinity airport and other organisations surrounding the airport which have an interest in the operations and management of the airport. Specifically, the Committee is:

- a. To foster communication and build understanding between the airport, its users, local residents and the business community.
- b. To stimulate the interest of the local population in the development of the airport.
- c. To consider the impact of the airport operation on the environment, surface access, employment, the local and regional economy, and the circumstances of local communities and their residents.
- d. To monitor the implementation of the Airport Operator's commitments made under the S106 Agreement between the Airport Operator and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.
- e. To consider and comment upon consultative reports, as required.
- f. To facilitate constructive discussion to resolve differences, when required.



## DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

14 OCTOBER 2021

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## Consultative Committee

### DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

15 JULY 2021

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)  
N Biddle (Peel Land and Property), S Boote (Doncaster Sheffield Airport),  
S Cox (Doncaster MBC), G Finch (Peel Land and Property & Doncaster  
Sheffield Airport), R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC),  
B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), G Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Kennan (SCR LEP  
Private Sector Board Member), J Milne (West Lindsey District Council),  
County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), C Rosling-  
Josephs (Sheffield City Council), M Sewell (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt  
(Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC), K Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport)  
and County Councillor N Turner (Nottinghamshire County Council)

Guest:

Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-  
Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council)

Apologies were received from: A Bosmans (FODSA), C Hall (Doncaster MBC),  
Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton  
Parish Council), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), A Platts  
(Doncaster Chamber), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council) and  
Y D Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

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

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Airport Consultative  
Committee (ACC).

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

#### 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst opened the meeting setting the current scene. He said that, since March  
last year we had all got used to a new way of working, and for some, the current  
arrangement is preferred to how things were in the past.

But, we are nearly at the end of the road map which has had such an impact on our  
lives. We are now about to enter a new transition phase. But can we go back to how  
things were in 2019?

Will the general public take to heart the Prime Minister's urging to use their common  
sense? Mixed messages have been a feature of government announcements over  
the last sixteen months and there is still time before Monday next for further guidance  
to be issued.

A Tolhurst accepted that it could not be easy to strike a clear path out of the pandemic given its unpredictable nature. But clarity of message must surely be the guiding principle.

Locally, residents had got used to the relative lack of activity at DSA over the last 16 months, but as the shackles on overseas travel are removed we hope the airport will get busier. It will be almost like going back to how it was in 2005 when the airport was opened.

But how will local residents respond to increased activity? A Tolhurst suggested that Members should perhaps be prepared for an increase in noise complaints.

To prepare for the coming changes, Members would be looking at the pattern of historical noise complaints at Agenda Item 9.

How will the aviation industry respond to the demands of moving to a net zero-carbon world? As aircraft take to the skies and aviation operations resume, a move to Greener Air Travel will be pressing with operating costs likely to increase. But how will passengers react to increased fares?

And how will air traffic management systems cope with ever-more crowded skies as use of drones expands and introducing flying cars will pose real challenges?

Concluding his introduction, A Tolhurst said that, while the future looks encouraging there are many challenges which will need clear government leadership to navigate stormy skies.

### 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2021

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

### 4 MATTER ARISING

A Tolhurst informed Members that an ACC Newsletter had produced and published in the local editions of the 'Today' Magazines. It was proposed that further Newsletters would be produced and published bi-monthly following the quarterly ACC meeting.

### 5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Tolhurst welcomed new and re-appointed Members to the ACC.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the following changes of membership on the ACC:-

- Doncaster MBC have appointed Councillor Joe Blackham (in place of ex-Councillor Bill Mordue).
- Doncaster MBC have appointed Councillor Barry Johnson (in place of ex-Councillor Mick Cooper).



- Doncaster MBC have appointed Councillor Glyn Jones as the SASIG Member.
- Doncaster MBC have re-appointed Councillors Steve Cox and Martin Greenhalgh to the Committee.
- Bassetlaw District Council have re-appointed Councillor David Pidwell and Councillor Sybil Fielding (as Substitute).
- Sheffield City Council have re-appointed Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs.
- Barnsley MBC have re-appointed Councillor Robin Franklin.
- Nottinghamshire County Council have appointed County Councillor Nigel Turner (in place of County Councillor Tracey Taylor).

## 6 AIRPORT BUSINESS UPDATE

K Stow provided the Committee with a verbal update on airport business.

Members were informed that DSA was extremely challenged by the current situation with regards to Government guidance on international travel. The main issue for DSA was the changeability.

In order to drive consumer confidence, which in turn drives airline confidence, DSA required a system which gives customers reliability in terms of when they book a holiday, it is seen through.

DSA believed that the current traffic light system was not fit for purpose and the three-weekly changes were making it very difficult for airlines to make credible plans.

For example, if airlines have to introduce, reduce or remove capacity at short notice, this makes it very problematic. Airlines also have to remove staff from Furlough which increases their cost base.

In addition, if airlines has less than optimal load factors on traffic which they can operate with less passengers, this makes the airline less sustainable, both environmentally and economically.

Over recent months, DSA had been faced with a number of false starts in relation to recommencing international travel.

From a communications perspective, DSA had been challenged with customers making complaints to the airport and airlines due to their plans being disrupted.

As of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the ability for people travel who are double vaccinated was a positive to some extent, however, when analysis had been undertaken, it was only a small proportion of the Yorkshire and the Humber population who were double vaccinated.

DSA, together with the whole of the aviation sector had some very difficult months ahead. It was expected that travel restrictions would continue into the Winter months. Consumer demand would take a long period of time to recover with some confidence.

In relation to the future outlook at DSA, TUI had recently announced expansion at DSA with a fourth aircraft based at the airport.

There would be the equivalent of 8.5 based aircrafts at DSA from Summer 2022. 6 of these were based aircrafts (4 TUI and 2 Wizz Air), the remaining aircrafts would be non-based central European traffic.

For Summer 2022, there would be 1.7 million seats on sale by TUI from DSA. This was the biggest on record at DSA, potentially exceeding traffic levels of 2019 by more than 30%.

In relation to future traffic, there had been two summers with relative inactivity for travel with pent-up demand for travel anticipated for Summer 2022.

When looking at local competitors, it was noted that Ryanair did not currently have on sales its Summer 2022 programme of 1.2 million seats from East Midlands Airport.

It was noted that DSA currently had interest from a further low cost carrier. At this moment in time, DSA were currently going through a careful consideration process in terms of the disruption that the introduction of low-cost competition could potentially create to established business at DSA.

Members were reminded that DSA's Masterplan had ambitious growth plans and provided for growth, but this needed to be undertaken in a commercially sustainable way.

In relation to community engagement, an ACC Newsletter had been produced and published in the local editions of the 'Today' magazines.

The purpose of the Newsletter was to ensure that the work of the ACC was publicised within the local community. The publications had reached 177,000 homes across Rossington, Bessacarr and Cantley, Tickhill, Bawtry and Harworth/Bircotes.

A Tolhurst said that it had been a challenge to understand what content to include in the Newsletter which would be of interest to local people. He asked Members if they had seen the article in the recently circulated 'Today' magazines.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a copy of the May / June ACC Newsletter be circulated to Members after today's meeting. **ACTION: S Boote via A Shirt**

Councillor Cox asked if the Newsletter could also be published in the Arrow publication. S Boote agreed to undertake further research. **ACTION: S Boote**

In response to a query from County Councillor Pearson, K Stow provided the ACC with an update in relation to the current situation with regards to Air Passenger Duty (APD). Members were informed that the aviation industry continued to lobby Government, as the current proposals as drafted did not work in practice.

A Tolhurst thanked K Stow for her informative update.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the airport business update provided.

7 PEEL LAND AND PROPERTY UPDATE - DEVELOPMENT

A Tolhurst welcomed Neal Biddle, Development Director for GatewayEast to his first ACC meeting.

N Biddle introduced a Community Engagement Issues Matrix which had been developed to create an efficiency in handling matters which had been raised by the local community and to ensure that the ACC holds a record of progress through to resolution of these matters.

The following updates were provided:-

Flooding First Avenue

A meeting would be held with Peel Land and Property Engineers on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to examine the results of the infiltration testing. RWO would commence infiltration testing week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Flooding - Pembridge Park Estate

A topographic survey had been commissioned and work would start onsite on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 focusing on the Pembridge Park area, drainage network and upstream sites.

Once AECOM had all the data required, they would be able to prepare options for resolving both the short-term and long-term phases of the remediation work.

Traffic Speeds - Airport Estate Roads

During the last week, specialist Highways consultants had appointed to undertake an exercise to review site wide speed limits, measures and signage with a view to lower the traffic speed limits on the airport estate roads.

It was anticipated that a report from the consultants would be available during August.

Traffic Management (ANPR) / 15 minutes Free Car Parking

Further work would be undertaken with Doncaster MBC and specialist Highways consultant before a resolution could be reached.

An update would be provided in the next iteration of the matrix.

Children's Play Facility – Auckley

The transfer of play facility and sports pitch to Auckley Parish Council, with payment of dowry had been agreed in principle by all parties on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It was anticipated that completion was expected by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Community Communications and Engagement are not meeting the needs of the Community

It was noted that progress had been made to keep local residents informed of the work of the ACC via a newsletter which would be published bi-monthly in the local 'Today' magazines.

Anti-social behaviour Old Bawtry Road and obstruction of a public right of way (spotters) Quarry tenant and Complaints regarding access to old Bawtry Road access for Spotters

Members were informed that the above issues were interlinked and that there was a large amount of detailed work to be undertaken on rights of way by the Property Team before a resolution could be reached.

A further update together with potential resolutions would be provided at the October ACC meeting.

K Stow said that when an issue had reached closure it would be presented to the ACC in letter format to try to avoid the reoccurrence of the same issues coming forward again that had previously been explored.

It was confirmed that any further issues brought to the airport's attention would be entered onto the matrix.

The Committee thanked N Biddle and K Stow for the work which had been undertaken to produce the matrix and for the commitment of Peel Land and Property and DSA to reach a satisfactory resolution on the issues identified.

GatewayEast Update

For the benefit of new Members, N Biddle provided the Committee with an overview of the GatewayEast development.

The Committee were informed that Peel Land and Property had been granted planning permission for the innovation / IQ quarter.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been signed with the University of Sheffield for a joint aspiration of creating an advanced manufacturing hub onsite at the airport which would generate hi-tech engineering jobs and an innovation cluster for creating prototypes and hi-tech materials which have a strong link with aviation.

A regular Working Group had been established with the University of Sheffield to work on the joint aspiration.

K Stow added that, DSA and Peel Land and Property were very pleased to be working in partnership with the University of Sheffield. In addition, DSA were also working with AMRC colleagues on the issue of sustainable aviation and new technologies.

In response to a query from Councillor Cox, it was confirmed that Peel Land and Property had been engaged with the GatewayEast Academy from Business Doncaster.

Members noted that work was also taking place with Business Doncaster on developing a skills package in relation to the skills taught in local schools and colleges to ensure that they are addressing the market need by the creation of the advanced manufacturing site, focusing on engineering skills.

Alongside the advanced manufacturing hub there would also be a number of other industrial and logistic units onsite. Work was currently being undertaken to examine how Peel Land and Property could deliver this phase of work to support this development.

Work was also being undertaken with Doncaster MBC to identify opportunities for joint funding packages. Subject to funding, it was anticipated that work could commence onsite from 2022.

The residential development (Hurstwood) was currently at planning phase.

Work was also taking place on the delivery of an infrastructure package to gain access to the site and deliver the first phases of the Central Plaza development.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the update provided.

## 8 PEEL LAND AND PROPERTY UPDATE - PLANNING

For the benefit of new Members, G Finch provided the Committee with an overview of GatewayEast and the Airport's Masterplan.

Members were informed that the Airport Masterplan had been updated and consulted upon in Spring 2018 to take account of some additional substantial land holding around the airport estate.

The Airport Masterplan had received wide support with a section contained within the Doncaster MBC Local Plan incorporating elements of the Airport Masterplan with a defined specific Masterplan for this area, (known as the Airport Policy Area within the Doncaster MBC Local Plan, now branded as 'GatewayEast').

Members were informed that the Doncaster MBC Local Plan was now moving fast towards adoption. The Planning Inspectorate's Report had been received with no unexpected issues brought to Doncaster MBC's attention with regards to the Plan as a whole and the allocations for development within the Airport Policy Area.

The Doncaster MBC Local Plan would be presented at Doncaster MBC's full Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for adoption.

G Finch said that there was a requirement to provide more information in relation to the delivery of the Masterplan in an integrated way to ensure all zones are connected by active and sustainable travel means (e.g.by foot, electric etc.).

The Policy would also require a Green Infrastructure Strategy to be developed to sit alongside Masterplan together with the creation of a Sustainability Strategy and Sustainable Transport Strategy which must incorporate an update to the Airport's Surface Access Strategy. Peel Land and Property would also develop a Social Values Framework.

In relation to the Sustainable Transport Strategy, K Stow said that based on previous discussions around the resurrection of the Airport Transport Forum a consultation and engagement exercise would need to be undertaken to influence the preparation of the Sustainable Transport Strategy, which would become the foundations to resurrect the Airport Transport Forum.

A full consultant team had now been engaged across all the disciplines needed to deliver the outputs and workstreams of the Local Plan to move forward to advanced development stages of GatewayEast. Work would take place over the summer months with a view to public consultation taking place later in the year.

A planning application for the Central Plaza was scheduled to be considered at Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

A Tolhurst asked to what extent ACC Members should be appraising local residents of the planning applications being submitted to Doncaster MBC. Additionally, he queried if it was the ACC's responsibility to highlight this.

K Stow asked if Members could inform her of the information residents expected to be released by the airport / Peel Land and Property.

Councillor Cox said that, currently residents were happy with the level of information being shared by the airport and Peel Land and Property. However, this could change once work commenced onsite.

It was noted that the site Engagement Plan would be shared with ACC Members at a future meeting for their comments.

Councillor Rosling-Josephs asked if the airport / Peel Land and Property had a Facebook page to provide a link to the community.

In response, K Stow said that DSA had a Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter accounts. However, GatewayEast as a brand did not have any social media presence. In addition, Peel Land and Property did have social media accounts. Discussions were taking place to setup a dedicated social media account where GatewayEast information could be published.

Members were informed that Auckley Parish Council were currently consulting on its Neighbourhood Plan. G Finch and colleagues would be reviewing the Plan to ensure that it was reflective of the Airport Masterplan and GatewayEast aspirations.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the updates provided.

## 9 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

S Boote informed the Committee that all successful 2021 projects had now received funding from the Airport's Community Investment Fund.

K Stow highlighted that there were three 2021 Community Investment projects where a funding contribution towards the full project costs had been made by airport.

In the event that these projects were unable to deliver within a set timeframe, the ACC would be notified and a recommendation sought for the project to either return the funds, or otherwise, as recommended by the ACC.

On a separate matter, K Stow reported that in recent months there had been two separate incidents at the airport where DSA First Aiders had made use of defibrillators onsite and had highlighted the lifesaving value of these pieces of equipment.

As an addition to the Community Investment Fund for 2021, DSA were proposing to open an entry for applications for defibrillators in the community.

Members were informed that DSA would be pleased to fund three defibrillators in the community to a cost of £1,500 each.

A discussion would take place with A Tolhurst around inviting applications for the community defibrillators. **ACTION: K Stow / A Tolhurst**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

10 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2021

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

11 DSA ANNUAL NOISE REPORT 2020/21

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the Annual Noise Report for the period 1st April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 had been presented at the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee had recommended that the Annual Noise Report for 2020/21 be sent on to Doncaster MBC under the terms of the Section 106 agreement.

A Tolhurst provided Members with the key highlights contained in the Annual Noise Report.

The Committee thanked Andrew Dutton and Colin Barnes for producing the Annual Noise Report for 2020/21.

RESOLVED – That the Committee endorsed the Annual Noise Report for 2020/21 and requested that it be sent on to Doncaster MBC under the terms of the Section 106 agreement.

12 IPSOS MORI - HEATHROW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BOARD (HCEB) STUDY - SUGGESTIONS FOR ACCS

The Committee received an extract of Ipsos MORI's Heathrow Community Engagement Board (HCEB) Study - Suggestions for ACCs.

Based the extract, Members agreed that the ACC had a wide-but-local focus, was visible, demonstrated tangible results and was accessible to a diverse range of residents from different areas, backgrounds and disabilities.

In response to a query from Councillor Cox around improving DSA's visibility, K Stow said that, unfortunately DSA were unable to participate in the forthcoming Auckley Show this year, but would like to attend future shows.

Councillor Cox asked if there were any plans to re-commence the work undertaken prior to the COVID pandemic around the Airport's Heritage.

In response, K Stow said that the airport would like to re-engage with the project when ACC meetings were back to being held in person.

Councillor Johnson said that he attended a number of local Parish and Town Council meetings, namely, Rossington, Bawtry and Auckley and would be happy to provide them with feedback from ACC meetings.

A Tolhurst welcomed and thanked Councillor Johnson for agreeing to provide the local Parish and Town Council meetings listed above with feedback from ACC meetings.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the contents of Ipsos MORI's Heathrow Community Engagement Board (HCEB) Study - Suggestions for ACCs extract.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) ACC Newsletter

Town Councillor Cropley said that the production of the ACC Newsletter would prove to be very beneficial.

ii) Solar Panels at DSA

County Councillor Pearson asked if DSA had any plans to install solar panels around the airport site.

K Stow replied that Peel NRE (part of Peel Land and Property) were currently in the process of developing a solar scheme for DSA.

It was agreed that a further update would be made at the October meeting.

**ACTION: K Stow**

iii) DfT Jet Zero Consultation

A Tolhurst reported that a DfT news article had been published on 14 July 2021 setting out the Government's plans for the world's first 'greenprint' to decarbonise all modes of domestic transport by 2050.

The Government had also launched the Jet Zero consultation, which commits the sector to a net zero emissions target by 2050 and sets out an action plan for how it can be achieved.



The consultation would close for comments on 8 September 2021.

ACC Members were encouraged to respond to the consultation direct.

It was agreed that a link to the news article and consultation would be circulated to Members after today's meeting. **ACTION: A Tolhurst via A Shirt.**

iv) Thank you

K Stow thanked Members' for their attendance at today's meeting and for their continued engagement with DSA.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the ACC be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10:00 am.

CHAIR  
FIELD\_SUMMARY

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**Actions arising from the Airport Consultative Committee AGM & Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Minute No	Agenda Item	Action / Issue	Officer(s)	Status/Update
6.	Airport Business Update	That a copy of the May / June ACC Newsletter be circulated to Members after today's meeting.	S Boote via A Shirt	<b>Action Complete</b> – Newsletter circulated to Members via email on 15.07.21
6.	Airport Business Update	Councillor Cox asked if the ACC Newsletter could also be published in the Arrow publication. S Boote agreed to undertake further research.	S Boote	
9.	Community Investment Fund	A discussion would take place with A Tolhurst around inviting applications for community defibrillators.	K Stow / A Tolhurst	
13. (ii)	Any other Business	That an update on the solar scheme for DSA would be made at the October meeting.	K Stow	
13. (iii)	Any other Business	That details of the DfT Jet Zero Consultation be circulated to Members via email.  ACC Members were encouraged to respond to the consultation direct.	A Tolhurst via A Shirt	<b>Action Complete</b> – A website link to the DfT Jet Zero Consultation was circulated to Members via email on 15.07.21

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30 September 2021

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the ICCAN Commissioners to set out our final advice on the most pressing noise issues and how the ICCAN work should be progressed. We have taken account of the ICCAN secretariat's early discussions with DfT and CAA staff; however, these are our recommendations as independent Commissioners.

We have set out our recommendations for each area of work in terms of priority, risks and who best to do it in the annex to this letter.

You will have been made aware of the concerns at the change of approach to aviation noise management from many aviation stakeholders, which appears to have reduced public confidence in both the Department and the Government on aviation noise issues.

ICCAN was set up because the Airports Commission recognised that relationships between parties on aviation noise were fractured and an impediment to aviation growth. That breakdown was simplistically interpreted as an issue between airports and communities, although our work has revealed that there was also a disconnect between Government policy, regulation, industry and community ambitions.

In a very short time ICCAN has identified shared views between airports and communities on the outcomes required. Our Future of Aviation Noise Management report set out the route map to achieve those outcomes. The delivery of this process is the key challenge and risk for Government. In our view, failure to do so will lead to a reversion to previous ways of working and negative behaviour, which will restrain recovery, restrict growth and almost certainly make airspace modernisation undeliverable in any reasonable timescale.

We hope you will look objectively at who is best to carry ICCAN's work forward and we offer our views in good faith. However, for the vast majority of our work it is hard not to conclude that only a body independent of Government and aviation regulation, empowered with sufficient clout by the Government, can deliver a coherent programme for change in how aviation noise is managed.

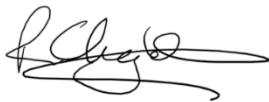
As independent commissioners we know that much of ICCAN's planned future work is anticipated by both industry and Communities so it is important this is carried on to a conclusion, even if not necessarily in the way we would have delivered it.

Aviation Noise will be a growing issue as aviation recovers, as the interim findings of the ICCAN 2021 Summer Survey demonstrates, with those bothered by aviation noise during the day increasing significantly and those bothered by aviation noise at night more than doubling since 2020.

We have no doubt that the need for a voice independent of Government and industry on aviation noise will continue and we would urge any future consideration of the issue to ensure that successor bodies are given full operational independence.

Yours sincerely,

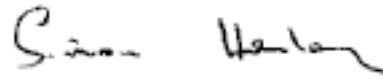
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ICCAN Commissioner

## Annex 1: ICCAN's work programme recommendations

The below table sets out ICCAN's work programme at shutdown, and gives our assessment of how best to proceed with the work. The 'urgency' score (1-3) reflects how quickly decisions/next steps need to be taken; the 'risk' rating (Red, Amber, Green) assesses the impact on more effective noise management of not taking the recommended next step.

Project	Current status	Recommendation	Urgency	Risk
COVID attitudinal summer survey	Contracted to IPSOS Mori. Full dataset and report due by end of November	This valuable piece of repeated survey work will show the impact of the changing number of aircraft in the skies on people's annoyance. It has been of interest to many stakeholders both within the UK and internationally. It should be published by the Government once complete.	1	A
Review of complaint handling and best practice	Initial report intended to be published in November	We are aware that there is demand for more consistency of approach, from communities and airports, which previous Aviation Ministers have echoed. This should be finished and managed by an organisation with professional competencies in complaints handling.	1	A
Aviation Noise Attitude Survey	We have published the design for the next survey and were in the process of planning its procurement.	This is an essential piece of work that must make quick progress, in order to feed into Government policy-making. In the absence of ICCAN, the CAA would be the most appropriate body to lead the survey. However, this is not without risk as CAA managed the last survey which proved contentious with some communities.	1	R
Health	We have published a literature review and conducted a prioritisation exercise with leading academics on future research.	We are not persuaded that it is appropriate for either the Government or CAA to continue this work, and would urge Public Health England and its successor body to take up this research as they have the credibility and skills to manage a long term research programme such as this.	2	A
Planning advice and best practice	Initial stakeholder work, research and project planning conducted.	This is an issue where there is unanimity across the sector for the need for future guidance. Our work is at an early stage but it is hard to see the CAA being the appropriate body to take forward this project. It requires a joined-up approach from multiple Government departments and devolved administrations which DfT may be able to sponsor.	3	A
Metrics best practice and review of Noise Actions Plans	Initial opinion published; project planning and data analysis conducted for follow-up best practice.	We do not see how this work will continue. Our role was to challenge the status quo and propose improvements through doing things differently. While the CAA's ERCD team have the skills and capability to conduct research and analysis on metrics, we do not see which body will commission	N/A	N/A

		them to do the same work we have. This does not detract from the importance of this work or that it is highly anticipated in some quarters.		
Insulation best practice	Initial report on standards published; best practice at initial planning stages.	The Government should identify a suitable body with technical understanding of noise and insulation to take on this work as part of its future aviation strategy.	3	G
Engagement Best Practice	Best practice published; advice given and adopted on individual airport basis; due to be updated annually.	Airports should be urged to use this. We suggest there could be a role for the UK ACC body in overseeing and managing this guidance.	3	G
CAP1616 consultation toolkit	Toolkit published online. Due to be updated annually and in line with CAP1616 update.	This should be hosted and maintained by the CAA as part of its decision-making role on airspace change.	2	A

### ICCAN's future work

Our Corporate Strategy 2021-24 also set out crucial future work on changes to operational procedures, future technology, the CAA's information powers, the CAA's post-implementation review process for airspace change decisions, contributing to planning processes, and responding to requests for advice from the Government on called-in airspace change decisions. We also have an ongoing policy work on issues such as the Government's Night Noise consultation, and any replacement to the Aviation Strategy. In common with a number of our conclusions on our open work programme, it is difficult to identify a suitably independent organisation to provide advice on such matters.



## Consultative Committee

### DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

### VIRTUAL MEETING

### 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

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 S Knowles (Doncaster MBC), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Parish Councillor S Ward (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from A Bosmans (FODSA), Parish Councillor J Clarke (Finningley Parish Council), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), K Moran (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.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

#### 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst opened the meeting and informed the Committee that discussions had taken place about holding an in-person meeting today, but a decision had been taken that, as there was still some uncertainty over progress of the pandemic, the meeting would be held via virtual format for a little longer. If Members' had any strong feelings, then they were asked to inform A Tolhurst.

Referring to current events, A Tolhurst said that, a week or so ago the chief executives of Airlines UK and the Airport Operators Association had written to Grant Shapps saying that, in effect, the aviation and tourism industry was on its knees and that a

simpler, more balanced approach to travel restrictions was required, to bring the UK more into line with the rest of Europe.

At the time it seemed there would be no change. Then, last weekend, the newspaper headlines were “Travel boom after Covid Travel rules eased”.

There will still be some destinations on the no-go red list, but, instead of worrying about traffic lights and quarantines, travellers will be able to think about what clothes to take on holiday. They might, of course, still fret about the risk of cancellations, or when their money might be returned should their holiday or journey be cancelled.

Many are said to be booking foreign travel, which is excellent news.

Fortunately, and despite reduced demand, airlines and airports have been operating many flight schedules over the past few months, which, in a shifting landscape, is a tribute to their resilience and fortitude.

That others have been brave enough even to think of starting up new services is surprising; but, for example, that is what Hans Airways and Emerald Airways have done. Hans is planning to provide services to India and Emerald more local routes.

On the face of it, aviation can look forward with some confidence, which is good for the economy. Whether business solutions will be based on partnership working or as go-it-alone enterprises, it is clear that sustainability will be a dominant factor in any planning.

One aspect which regularly generates debate is the impact of night flights.

Later in the agenda there will be a discussion about night flying and its impact at DSA. There will also be a brief discussion about aircraft noise in general and the demise of the Independent Commission for Civil Aircraft Noise. Members’ may recall that the Committee were going to invite the Commission to one of our meetings.

**3**     MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2021 AND ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

**4**     MATTERS ARISING

The Committee noted that all actions arising from the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 had now been discharged from the Actions Log.

The outstanding action in relation to inviting ICCAN to a future meeting had now been dismissed, due to ICCAN officially being wound down.

**5**     UKACCS RESPONSE TO DFT CONSULTATION ON FUTURE NIGHT FLIGHTS POLICY

The Committee noted the contents of UKACCs response to the DfT’s future Night Flights Policy Consultation.

The Committee noted that the consultation principally concentrates on the existing night flight restrictions at designated airports (Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanstead) and policy options for the government's future night flight policy at designated airports beyond 2024, and nationally.

A Tolhurst asked for the Committee's views of their own experiences of night flights operating at DSA.

In response, all Members' said that they had received no direct complaints from local residents about night flights operating at DSA.

Parish Councillor Swainston said that he was always woken up during the night by the noise generated from aircraft operating during the night at DSA. He was also very concerned about the impact this was having on his health.

RESOLVED – That UKACCs response to the DfT's Night Flights Policy Consultation be noted.

6 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON CIVIL AVIATION NOISE'S (ICCAN'S) FUTURE - WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR AVIATION DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Committee noted the contents of a Written Statement from the Minister for Aviation dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Following an independent review of the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) commissioned by the DfT earlier this year, the Written Statement announced that ICCAN would be wound down in September and the majority of its functions transferred to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) from April 2022.

A Tolhurst made the Committee aware that, in a report published on the DfT's website reviewing the work of ICCAN, there was one recommendation stating that, "one alternative to ICCAN at a local level, was the suggestion that Airport Consultative Committees (ACCs) could be 'beefed up' as Arm's-Length Bodies (ALBs) from the DfT, with extra funding and expertise". In addition, options involving an 'enhanced ACC' should be considered.

The Committee noted that the UKACCs Secretariat were currently in discussion with the DfT around the recommendations.

A Tolhurst was hopeful that UKACCs would resist the ALB option, due to there being a risk that individuals would be appointed to the ACCs, not necessarily from local authorities.

The Committee discussed the recommendations. Members' were strongly of the opinion that ACCs were the correct vehicle to engage with the local community and take account of local views. It was difficult to see how this could be achieved if individuals were appointed by the DfT.

A Tolhurst agreed to keep the Committee updated with developments.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the Written Statement be noted.

7 ACC NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2021

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the ACC had agreed to produce a quarterly newsletter update for publication in local editions of the 'Today' magazine.

A copy of the ACC newsletter for August 2021 was presented for Members' information and feedback.

Members' welcomed publication of the newsletter, but highlighted that it had not been published in the Blaxton or Brantley editions of the 'Today' magazine.

Town Councillor Cropley said that he had noted the update in the Bawtry edition of the Today magazine.

Members' suggested that the newsletter also be published in the local editions of the Arrow magazine, Doncaster Gazette and Thorne Times. A Tolhurst agreed to speak with S Boote about the wider circulation of the newsletter. **ACTION: A Tolhurst**

Parish Councillor McCarron suggested that the newsletter also be circulated via email by the Committee Secretary to all ACC and Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee Members for inclusion on local Town and Parish Council websites.

Councillor Curran suggested that the newsletter also be circulated via the Committee Secretary to all local Town and Parish Council Clerks for inclusion on agendas as correspondence.

A Tolhurst thanked Members' for their suggestions.

Town Councillor Cropley suggested that it may be appropriate to include a reminder in a future newsletter to inform residents which destinations they can fly to from DSA.

If Members had any further suggestions for topics to be included in future newsletters which would be of benefit to local residents, they were asked to forward these on to the Committee Secretary.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the ACC newsletter for August 2021 be noted.

8 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

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> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August 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> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, together with a table setting out Flight Priority Categories.

The presentation also included details of the number of night time departures that did not follow the Noise Preferential Route from June to August 2021, the number of Quota Count 4 Movements from June to August 2021, the number of Quota Count Points used from April 2005 to August 2021, and the number of Engine Tests undertaken during the period June to August 2021.

In addition, the presentation provided Members with a comparison of the number of movements at DSA from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

During the period, a total of 49 complaints had been received, although 21 were from one individual and 28 were not. It was noted that the majority of the complaints were relating to aircraft arrivals during the day (07:00-23:00).

On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 the airport had received 8 complaints in relation to an RAF C17 undertaking 9 training circuits. There had been no complaints received relating to engine tests.

In response to a query from Councillor Curran, C Barnes confirmed that the complaint received from a Hatfield resident was in relation to a police aircraft circling in the area.

The Committee thanked C Barnes for his informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## **9 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

A Dutton reported that DSA was a signatory to national Sustainable Aviation involving airlines, airline manufacturers and air traffic service providers to produce a Road Noise Map and a Carbon Noise Map, together with lobbying for assistance with sustainable fuels which are non-hydrocarbon based.

A Tolhurst reported that there was news in today's press that a Japanese-based company was working on an electrically powered vertical take-off and landing aircraft for local short distance routes.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## **10 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

A Dutton reported that DSA had recently made a decision to invest in defibrillators for use in the local community. DSA's Fire Service Team would be leading on the initiative. Dave Monks would be looking at locations for the installation of defibrillators in the community.

Councillor Curran asked if the Committee could be advised of the locations where the defibrillators would be installed.

A Dutton said that he would contact K Moran to obtain further details. An update would be provided by email after today's meeting. **ACTION: A Dutton via K Moran.**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

11 FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

i) DSA's Community Investment Fund – Wadworth Maypole

Councillor Greenhalgh reported that a publicity event would take place in October to officially open the Wadworth Maypole.

ii) Update on Committee Work

Parish Councillor Swainston reported that he had provided a detailed update on the work of the Committee at Auckley Parish Council meeting following the June Sub-Committee meeting. He would also provide a further update at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting.

Parish Councillor Swainston said that he would also ask the Parish Council if they would consider paying for the ACC Newsletter to be published in the local Auckley edition of the Arrow magazine.

iii) Excessive HGV Traffic in Bawtry / Road Signage to DSA

Town Councillor Croyley reported that he was continuing to receive complaints from residents about excessive HGV traffic travelling through Bawtry Town Centre.

The local road signs were still directing hauliers to the airport through Bawtry and not via the Great Yorkshire Way. He understood that this issue was not the responsibility of DSA, but wished to make the Committee aware.

A Tolhurst suggested that this issue be raised at Bawtry Town Council via Doncaster MBC Highways.

Councillor Cox said that he was a member of the local Quarry Liaison Group and could feed comments back to this Group. He asked Town Councillor Croyley to forward further information by email which he could report at the next meeting of the local Quarry Liaison Group.

iv) Noise Complaints

Parish Councillor Castle reported that, although there had been no complaints directly received by Finningley Parish Council, there had been reports on social media stating that noise from aircraft was disproportional to the size of the aircraft.

v) Thank you

Councillor Cox wished to thank Peel Land and Property for their engagement in cutting the grass of parcels of land in the local community.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further items of business were noted.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 9th December 2021 at 10:00 am.

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**Schedule of Meetings 2022**

**Airport Consultative Committee**

Thursday 27 January 2022 (AGM and Ordinary)

Thursday 7 April 2022

Thursday 14 July 2022

Thursday 6 October 2022

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am.

Members will be notified of the meeting arrangements in advance of the meeting.

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