

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING

27 JANUARY 2022 – HELD VIRTUALLY

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
N Biddle (Peel Land and Property), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), G Finch (Peel Land and Property & Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), C Hall (Doncaster MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor G Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority LEP Private Sector Board Member), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor C Rosling-Josephs (Sheffield City Council) and A Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC)

Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-
Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council) and
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: Councillor J Blackham (Doncaster MBC), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), K Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council) and K Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2021 AND ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 14 October 2021 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) ACC Newsletter

A Tolhurst reported that positive feedback had been received from Members of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee in relation to the recent publication of the ACC's Newsletter.

ii) Defibrillators in the Community

The Committee noted that the above action was currently on-going. A Tolhurst said that he would follow this up with K Stow. **ACTION: A Tolhurst**

iii) Potential Training Flights at Night

The Committee noted that the above action was currently outstanding. It was agreed that the action be retained on the action log for discussion at the April ACC meeting.

iv) Request for Feedback from the ACC

A Tolhurst reported that it had been highlighted at the UKACCs Annual General Meeting that some ACCs were becoming too close to their respective airports. A Tolhurst sought reassurance that the ACC had not become too close to the DSA management.

Members considered that the ACC was detached and independent from DSA management with the correct level of governance and provided a valuable opportunity to communicate with local residents.

5 DFT INFORMATION GATHERING EXERCISE FOR AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Committee noted that the Department for Transport (DfT) had launched an online information gathering exercise for ACCs on 10 January 2022.

The DfT was inviting views on the challenges faced by ACCs and other organisations established to perform a consultation process on the operations for UK airports and aerodromes through the information gathering exercise.

A sample copy of the online survey had been circulated with the agenda papers for Members' information.

A Tolhurst asked the Committee to review the survey and provide any feedback to the Committee Secretary as soon as possible.

In addition, arrangements were currently being made for a small group of Members to meet remotely with the Chair and Committee Secretary to consider the ACC's responses to questions contained within the survey.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the contents of the DfT's information gathering exercise for ACCs launched on 10 January 2022.

6 AIRPORT BUSINESS UPDATE

In the absence of the Director of Aviation Development and Corporate Affairs, G Finch said that he was limited on the information which he could provide.

He reported that, despite Brexit and the Coronavirus pandemic, DSA had managed to contract with its incumbent based aircraft operators. TUI had increased operations and Wizz Air had established and opened a new base at DSA.

It was noted that there was current 1.8 – 2 million seats on sale from DSA, which was a substantial level of growth at the airport for 2022/23.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 UPDATE ON THE GATEWAYEAST RAIL SCHEME

G Finch provided the Committee with a confidential briefing on the outcome of a first stage options review for the GatewayEast rail scheme.

The options review had been commissioned by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, DSA, Peel Ltd and Doncaster MBC.

The Committee asked if details of today's briefing and indicative map of the scheme could be shared with Committee Members and to the wider public in the ACC's Newsletter.

In response, G Finch said that he would need to discuss with colleagues and partners to determine if any information discussed at today's meeting could be made available to Committee Members. **ACTION: G Finch.**

P Kennan added that he would discuss the Committee's request further with the Mayoral Combined Authority's Executive Team. **ACTION: P Kennan.**

In response to a question from Councillor Cox, G Finch said that any element of compulsory land purchase for the scheme would be a very last resort; consultation would need to take place with land owners. He agreed to keep Members informed.

A Tolhurst reported that he would ascertain with K Stow if there were any plans in place to resurrect the Air Transport Forum, which previously discussed airport surface access issues. **ACTION: A Tolhurst.**

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the update provided.

8 UPDATE ON THE SOLAR SCHEME FOR DSA

G Finch reported that a review was currently on-going in relation to the size of solar scheme at DSA and the extent to which it could possibly be expanded to create surplus energy generation which could be utilised elsewhere.

A Bosmans commented that, he was disappointed to note that there were no representatives from DSA present at today's meeting. He felt that the ACC's importance was being minimalised by DSA's management team.

A Tolhurst acknowledged A Bosmans' concerns and agreed to discuss further with K Stow after today's meeting. **ACTION: A Tolhurst.**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 PEEL LAND & PROPERTY UPDATE - DEVELOPMENT

N Biddle provided the Committee with a verbal update on Peel Land and Property development issues.

The following updates were noted:-

- The delivery of infrastructure works to support the employment scheme at the Innovation Quarter (IQ) was currently progressing. Broad agreement had been sought with a funding partner with heads of terms currently being drawn up.
- Five contractors had now been selected and would be invited to submit a tender for the completion of infrastructure delivery works at the IQ site on High Common Lane. Tenders were anticipated to be sent out during March, with a target for infrastructure works to commence onsite during September/October 2022.
- A deal with a developer for an employment scheme close to the southern end of First Avenue was close to completion.
- Two further employment schemes with third party developers were currently being progressed via planning.
- A small residential scheme at the corner of Hayfield Lane / First Avenue was also currently being progressed via planning.

It was anticipated that construction work would commence towards the latter end of 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the updates provided.

10 PEEL LAND & PROPERTY UPDATE - PLANNING

G Finch provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to Peel Land and Property planning issues.

The following updates were noted:-

- The GatewayEast Central Plaza planning application had been unanimously supported by Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee in October 2021.

Work was currently taking place around the Section 106 agreement on this scheme, prior to formal consent being issued.

- Work was currently taking place with Peel Land and Property's house building division 'Northstone' in relation to a planning application for the first phase of a residential development at Hurst Wood. It was anticipated that the planning application would be submitted to Doncaster MBC during April 2022.
- Following the adoption of the Doncaster MBC Local Plan, work was taking place around the Airport Policy Area (which included GatewayEast and the airport area).
- Peel Land and Property were required to prepare a Masterplan exercise document, a Green Infrastructure Strategy, a Sustainable Transport Strategy and a Sustainability Strategy. A Design Code to govern and guide the design approach to the residential allocation was also required.

Development of the documents was now at an advanced stage and would be made available for public consultation during early Spring.

During the public consultation period, an online presentation would be given to Auckley Parish Council to provide an overview of the documents and outline of the first phase of the residential application.

It was confirmed that a Public Consultation Strategy would be developed which provided the local community with access to all the documents to allow them to provide any comments or questions.

Referring to the Community Issues Matrix, Members' were provided with the following updates:-

Flooding First Avenue

It was reported that a design solution had been presented to Doncaster MBC drainage officers. Doncaster MBC officers had asked Peel to consider one alternative, which was now being considered.

Once the design solution was agreed, an implementation programme would be developed.

Flooding on Pembridge Park Estate

It was reported that Peel Land and Property's appointed consultants had determined and confirmed with Doncaster MBC officers that the surface water and SUDS design for the Pembridge Park estate was based on modelling which did not assume any culverting beneath the footbridge.

It had been agreed and discussed with officers that the existing footbridge and culvert pipes should be removed and replaced with a straightforward footbridge which allows the ditch system to flow freely.

The design was now being discussed with contractors. Details would be submitted to Doncaster MBC officers with an application for 'Ordinary Watercourse Consent'.

The programme for resolution would be confirmed once the application had been approved.

Children's Play Facility

The Committee noted that the final arrangements for the transfer of the play facility and sports pitch to Auckley Parish Council were being made in readiness for the transfer.

There had been some delays with the legal documentation which was now progressing.

Peel had instructed contractors to clear damage and debris at the site.

Traffic Speeds Airport Estate Roads

Specialist Highways consultants had now been engaged in an exercise to review site wide speed limits and measures to slow the traffic down at key locations.

Traffic Management (ANPR / 15 Minutes Free Parking)

It was reported that work was currently ongoing with Doncaster MBC and specialist Highways consultants before a resolution could be reached.

A Tolhurst reported that email correspondence had been received from a local Pembridge Park estate resident setting out concerns regarding people parking on the estate and nearby residential streets when waiting to collect passengers from the airport.

The resident asked if DSA could consider increasing the time they allow for airport collections, up to thirty minutes or maybe even an hour. The resident also asked if DSA could consider adding text to their website and in local media discouraging people from parking on residential streets nearby.

G Finch acknowledged the concerns raised and agreed to discuss with the Airport's Operations Team. **ACTION: G Finch**

Councillor Cox noted that it was not in DSA's jurisdiction for the ANPR patrol vehicle to monitor car parking on the Pembridge Park Estate. However, he felt that, as a gesture of goodwill, DSA could consider extending the ANPR patrol vehicle to monitor the estate roads.

Councillor Cox wished to place his thanks on record for the progress which had been made to date in progressing the issues outlined on the matrix.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the updates provided.

11 CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT OF THE AIRSPACE MODERNISATION STRATEGY 2022–2040 (FOR INFORMATION)

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) had launched a 12-week consultation on a refreshed Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) which will:

- Extend the strategy out to 2040.
- Place integration of all airspace users at the core of the strategy, including accommodating new aerial vehicles like drones, advanced air mobility and spacecraft.
- Aim for simpler airspace design and supporting regulations.
- Introduce sustainability as an overarching principle to be applied through all modernisation activities, including better managing noise and helping achieve government commitments to net zero emissions.
- Align delivery of the strategy with the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan and provide a clear strategic path for rulemaking activities, now that the UK has left the EU and the European Aviation Safety Agency.

A Tolhurst said that he would make arrangements for SATCO to provide the Committee with a briefing on the AMS at a future meeting.

ACCs were being encouraged to respond to the consultation direct, which would close on 4 April 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the launch of the CAA’s consultation on a refreshed Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS).

12 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 9 December 2021 be noted.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Lelliott offered to obtain a briefing from the Mayoral Combined Authority on the GatewayEast rail scheme.

Following discussion, it was agreed that P Kennan would obtain clarification from the Mayoral Combined Authority to ascertain what information could be released to the Committee.

In response to a query from Parish Councillor McCarron, G Finch provided assurances that there was a large amount of work taking place to agree a solution to mitigate flooding on First Avenue.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022 AT 10:00 AM

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 10:00 am.

CHAIR