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Dear Member

# JOINT MEETING OF THE DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022

I write to inform you that a joint meeting of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee and Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee will be held on <u>Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 10.30 am in the Ambition Meeting Room,</u> <u>Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport, First Avenue, Doncaster, DN9 3RH</u>

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

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Andrew Shirt Committee Secretary

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# Airport Consultative Committee Membership:

# Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

Neal Biddle (Peel Land and Property), Councillor Joe Blackham (Doncaster MBC), Andrew Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor John Cattanach (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor Steve Cox (Doncaster MBC), Gareth Finch (Peel Land and Property Group Management Limited & Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor Robin Franklin (Barnsley MBC), Andrew Gates (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority), County Councillor Keith Girling (Nottinghamshire County Council), David Grant (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor Martin Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Chris Hall (Doncaster MBC), Robert Hough CBE DL (Chairman - Peel Airports Group), Councillor Barry Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Glyn Jones (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Mark Jones (Sheffield City Council), Peter Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority / Private Sector LEP Board Member), Councillor Denise Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Norma McCarron (Ex-Officio), Councillor Jessie Milne (West Lindsey District Council), Keith Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor Clio Lyndon Perraton-Williams (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor David Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), Adrian Platts (Doncaster Chamber), Marina Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), Mark Sewell (Doncaster MBC), Andrew Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC) and Yvonne Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

# Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:

Parish Councillor Jonathan Baker (Wroot Parish Council), Colin Barnes (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Parish Councillor Chris Beckett (Austerfield Parish Council), Town Councillor Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor Linda Curran (Doncaster MBC), Andrew Dutton (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Councillor Sue Knowles (Doncaster MBC), Gavin Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor Stephen Petherbridge (Blyth Parish Council), Parish Councillor Paul Raybould (Blaxton Parish Council), Town Councillor Ian Smith (Substitute for Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor Ian Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), Parish Councillor Mark Watson (North East Bassetlaw Forum / Misson Parish Council) and Neville Williams (Yorkshire Wildlife Park)

# 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.

# JOINT MEETING OF THE DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

## 10:30 AM ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022

# IN THE AMBITION MEETING ROOM, HEYFORD HOUSE, DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT, FIRST AVENUE, DONCASTER, DN9 3RH

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# Agenda Item 4



# DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

# 7 APRIL 2022 – HELD VIRTUALLY

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

N Biddle (Peel Land and Property), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor G Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority / Private Sector LEP Board Member), N McCarron (Ex-Officio), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), K Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor 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), Parish Councillor P Raybould (Blaxton Parish Council) and Parish Councillor S Ward (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Blackham (Doncaster MBC), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), C Hall (Doncaster MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), K Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor N Turner (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Y Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

## 1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

An extended welcome went to Norma McCarron in her new capacity as Ex-Officio Member of the ACC. Members were informed that Norma had previously been Blaxton Parish Council's representative since the Committee had been formed in 2005 and had also been heavily involved in discussions at the very beginning of helping to form Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

Following Norma's retirement as a Parish Councillor, A Tolhurst said it was felt appropriate to invite Norma to continue as a Member of the ACC, due to the significant contributions she had made at ACC meetings.

Parish Councillors Raybould and Ward were also welcomed to their first meeting of the ACC.

A Tolhurst hoped that the new Members would find ACC meetings interesting. He also took the opportunity to remind all Members that discussions regarding activity

taking place at the airport which local residents would find interesting, should be reported back as a matter of course.

On behalf of the Committee, A Tolhurst congratulated Keith Moran on his recent promotion to Operations Director at DSA and welcomed him to his first ACC meeting.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

## 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst opened the meeting and he said that given the easing of Covid-related restrictions he had considered holding today's meeting in person for the first time in two years. However, due to increasing Covid cases, it was felt sensible to hold today's meeting virtually. He hoped that a future ACC meeting would be held in person.

A Tolhurst said that just when it looked that the outlook was getting brighter, events have served to reduce enthusiasm generally. Surging inflation and the war in Ukraine are weighing heavily on economic forecasts and on travel in particular. And the dreaded virus was having a huge impact on travel with so many flights being cancelled at present for shortage of crews.

In today's Times newspaper the headline had been 'Airport Staff Shortages threaten two months of disruptions for travellers'.

And only this week, the CEO at Manchester Airport had resigned over the huge queues at check in-desks, with some passengers missing their flights even though they arrived in good time.

Despite the current setbacks, flight bookings in general were showing an upturn, although some analysts were concerned that as turbulent times are far from over, the overseas holiday activity might not turn out much better that that of the last two years.

That said, it was good to note that locally there are developments which the Committee would no doubt hear about during the meeting.

### 3 <u>MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEETING</u> HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2022 AND ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 27 January 2022 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

#### 4 MATTERS ARISING

i) <u>Update on the GatewayEast Rail Scheme</u>

It was agreed that a discussion would take place at today's meeting at agenda item 8.

#### ii) <u>Traffic Management – Airport Customers using local Estate Roads for car parking</u>

Councillor Cox reported that complaints had increased significantly from local residents with regards to DSA customers parking their vehicles on local residential streets, especially on the Pembridge Park Estate, Spitfire Way and at Auckley village church.

Councillor Cox asked again if the Airport's NPR patrol vehicle could patrol the local estate roads. He acknowledged that the roads on the Pembridge Park Estate had not yet been adopted by Doncaster MBC.

A Tolhurst reported that he had recently discussed this issue with DSA's Managing Director and Director of Aviation Development and Corporate Affairs. It had been concluded that it was very difficult to patrol the estate roads due to them not being adopted by Doncaster MBC. It had been suggested that local Councillors seek Doncaster MBC's agreement to issue residents with parking permits to help address the problem.

Councillor Cox added that local residents had asked if signage could be installed to deter airport parkers from using the estate roads.

Following discussion, A Tolhurst suggested that all relevant authorities be brought together to talk about the situation with the hope that a solution could be found. **ACTION: K Moran / A Tolhurst.** 

A Tolhurst said that it would also be helpful to understand if other Airports, and in particular, if Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) had similar problems with regards to airport passengers using local estate roads for car parking and how they were addressing it.

A Bosmans reported that there had been recent reports in the Liverpool Echo on 24 and 28 March 2022 regarding holidaymakers causing parking problems on residential roads near LJLA.

K Moran said that he would obtain feedback from A Dutton at LJLA to understand how they are addressing this issue. **ACTION: K Moran** 

#### iii) <u>DfT Information Gathering Exercise for Airport Consultative Committees</u>

A Tolhurst remined the Committee that the Department for Transport (DfT) had launched an online information gathering exercise for ACCs on 10 January 2022 to understand 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.

It was noted that a summary of the results from the review was currently awaited.

The UKACCs Secretariat had recently informed ACCs that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) had taken over responsibility of this exercise from the DfT.

A Tolhurst said that he would update the Committee when the summary results had been made available.

### 5 ACC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the following changes of membership on the Airport Consultative Committee:

- Ex Parish Councillor Norma McCarron had been appointed as an Ex-officio Member of the ACC.
- In accordance with paragraph 8 of the Airport Consultative Committee's Constitution, following an election held on 24 March 2022, Town Councillor Cropley, Parish Councillor Raybould and Parish Councillor Ward had been elected by the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee to represent the Committee at the ACC for the 2022 calendar year.

### 6 <u>AIRPORT BUSINESS UPDATE</u>

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

It was reported that DSA was operating as normal despite travel across the UK being affected due to staffing problems and flight cancellations.

There had been some local staffing issues due to staff testing positive for Covid. The impact on service delivery and flights had been very minimal. There had been slight increases on queue times, but they were currently within the Airport's limits. There had been no queues reported over a ten-minute waiting time.

There would be an increase in flights at DSA during the Easter holidays.

It was reported that the Terminal Expansion Project to install three new departure gates, a new lift for passengers with reduced mobility and improvements at Central Search was currently two weeks behind schedule. It was anticipated that new x-ray machines would be installed at the Airport towards the end of April.

DSA were currently anticipating there to be 1.5 million passengers set to fly from the Airport during 2022.

TUI had launched a weekly long-haul service to Melbourne Orlando International Airport, with the first flight departing DSA on 27 March 2022.

From 2 May 2022 to the end of September 2022, TUI would be operating a weekly long-haul service to Cancun, Mexico on its Boeing 787 aircraft.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## 7 <u>PEEL LAND & PROPERTY UPDATE - DEVELOPMENT</u>

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

The following updates were noted:-

- Following the January ACC meeting, Vendor Qualification Questionnaires had been completed with contractors set to work on the IQ site to ensure that they are meeting Peel Land and Property's procurement targets for local employment, apprenticeships, and use of local suppliers. Contractors were also being asked to meet stringent sustainability criteria.
- Five contractors had now been selected with the tender process scheduled to commence at the end of May / early June 2022.
- The IQ site infrastructure programme was still scheduled to commence towards the end of 2022, dependent upon weather conditions.
- A large site in the airport area had recently been sold to the industrial developer Panattoni to bring forward a new scheme, subject to planning consent.
- Trebor Developments had now let two industrial units (one to ScS and the second to an engineering company). It was noted that ScS had taken on 100 extra staff at its new site.
- Priority Space had recently started a development and CPD were also starting their final phase of two units.
- Armstrong House had recently been sold to a North-West property investor.

A Tolhurst asked if the Committee could receive an update at a future meeting with regards to the total number of job opportunities available via the creation of the new units onsite around the Airport area. **ACTION: N Biddle.** 

Councillor Cox reported that noise monitoring devices had been installed in the nearby woodland area to monitor noise. He said that the noise monitoring devices had now been removed and that a request had been made to plant trees along the boundary of the industrial units to try and shield noise.

Councillor Cox added that he had received reports that the onsite plastics company were omitting some odours into the atmosphere.

In addition, Councillor Cox reported that there was also an issue regarding standing surface water on the corner of the Avro Park development.

N Biddle acknowledged Councillor Cox's concerns and agreed to investigate following today's meeting. **ACTION: N Biddle.** 

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

### Flooding on First Avenue

Following the January ACC meeting, a design solution had been turned down by Drainage/ Highways Authority, due to a technical design issue. Engineers were currently looking at a hybrid system with a new design being submitted to the Drainage Authority as soon as possible.

Assurances were provided that any flooding occurring on First Avenue would continue to be pumped away as soon as Peel Land and Property had been made aware.

#### Hayfield Lane Footpath

A new issue had arisen recently regarding the footpath on Hayfield Lane. It was understood that the footpath alongside the primary school was cut-up and very muddy. Investigations were currently taking place regarding the ownership of the footpath in order to provide a solution to help improve the surface of the footpath.

RESOLVED – That the updates be noted.

### 8 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:-

• Peel Land and Property were currently working with Northstone (Peel Land and Property's housing delivery arm) regarding a first phase application for a residential zone at Hurst Wood for 280 units.

It was anticipated that public consultation regarding the scheme was likely to commence during the Summer.

The public consultation exercise would also coincide with Peel Land and Property's consultation regarding key strategic documents on GatewayEast together with consultation on the Sustainable Transport Strategy and Green Infrastructure Strategy.

- Work was currently taking place on a detailed reserve matters submission for a plot of land South of Redline Security and East of the Trebor development for a number of smaller units.
- K Moran reported that the Airport would shortly be seeking to appoint a consultancy firm to manage its Solar Scheme project.

G Finch added that he had received confirmation from the local Planning Authority that the Solar Scheme was classed as permitted development with no further planning required.

In relation to the GatewayEast Rail scheme, P Kennan informed the Committee that the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) had recently received a

letter from the Secretary of State in relation to the outcome with regards to the SYMCA's final City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme business case.

The Committee were informed that the SYMCA had been allocated a full CRSTS allocation of £570m for funding in local transport networks in the SYMCA.

It was noted that Department for Transport (DfT) had made the decision not to fund the GatewayEast rail link scheme through CRSTS. This would remain under discussion with the DfT by SYMCA officers.

It was agreed that a copy of the letter be circulated via email to the Committee following today's meeting. **ACTION: P Kennan via A Shirt.** 

P Kennan said that he would provide a further update at the July ACC meeting.

RESOLVED – That the updates be noted.

### 9 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM 10

There were no declarations of interest in relation to agenda item 10.

#### 10 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND - SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS 2022

The Committee was informed that six applications had been submitted to the Airport's Community Investment Fund for 2022.

A summary of each application was contained within the agenda papers and the Committee considered each application separately.

Following consideration, it was agreed that three applications would be recommended by the Committee to receive full financial support.

In relation to application 'DSACIF\_03\_2021' the Committee recommended that, although the project did not fully meet the scope of the funding criteria, an exception would be made this year to support the project.

In addition, the Committee agreed that three applications would be recommended by the Committee to receive a financial contribution to support the development of their projects.

The Committee wished to thank all applicants for the considerable amount of time they had taken in completing their applications.

A Tolhurst asked if the total amount of funding available for 2022 projects could be confirmed by DSA. **ACTION: K Moran to ascertain with K Stow.** 

RESOLVED – That the Committee considered and made recommendations against each of the six individual projects.

## 11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM 12

There were no declarations of interest in relation to agenda item 12.

### 12 <u>SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS</u>

The Committee was informed that three completed applications had been submitted to the Airport's Community Investment Fund for Community Defibrillators.

A summary of each application was contained within the agenda papers and each application was considered separately by the Committee.

Following the Committee's consideration, it was agreed that all three applications be recommended by the Committee to receive support.

The Committee expressed its sincere gratitude to DSA for funding Defibrillators in the local community.

A Tolhurst queried if DSA would be supplying and installing the Defibrillators. **ACTION: K Moran to ascertain with D Monks.** 

RESOLVED – That the Committee considered and recommended that DSA supports all three applications.

## 13 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 24 March 2022 be noted.

14 <u>MINUTES OF THE LIAISON GROUP OF UK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE</u> <u>COMMITTEES (UKACCS) 44TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 18-19 NOVEMBER</u> 2021

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the minutes of the Liaison Group of UK Airport Consultative Committees (UKACCs) 44th Annual Meeting held on 18-19 November 2021.

#### 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) DSA's Community Investment Fund

In response to a query from Town Councillor Cropley, A Tolhurst informed the Committee that applications for the next round of Community Investment Funding were scheduled to be open in January 2023 with all completed applications to be submitted by 31 March 2023.

Further details would be circulated in January 2023.

## ii) <u>Thank you to outgoing ACC Members</u>

A Tolhurst thanked and sent his best wishes to all Members who would either be standing or standing down at the forthcoming Local Elections on 5 May 2022.

The Committee noted that today would be Councillor Rosling-Josephs' and County Councillor Pearson's last meeting. On behalf of the Committee, A Tolhurst thanked Councillor Rosling-Josephs and County Councillor Pearson for all their contributions to the work of the ACC and wished them all the very best for the future.

## 16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 14 July 2022 at 10:00 am.

CHAIR

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| Minute<br>No | Agenda Item   | Action / Issue  | Officer(s)              | Status/Update  |
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| 4.           | Matters Arising –<br>Traffic Management –<br>Airport Customers<br>Using Local Estate<br>Roads for car parking | That all relevant authorities be brought together to talk<br>about the situation with the hope that a solution could be<br>found.   | K Moran /<br>A Tolhurst | Update 15.05.22<br>Discussions taking place with a view to<br>holding a virtual meeting with D Haig<br>(DMBC, Highways),<br>A Tolhurst, Cllr S Cox, K Moran (DSA),<br>G Finch (Peel L&P) and N Biddle<br>(Peel L&P). |
| 4.<br>P      | Matters Arising –<br>Traffic Management –<br>Airport Customers<br>Using Local Estate<br>Roads for car parking | K Moran to obtain feedback from A Dutton at Liverpool<br>John Lennon Airport to understand how LJL Airport were<br>addressing this issue.   | K Moran                 |  |
| Page 15      | Peel Land & Property<br>Update –<br>Development   | It was agreed that the Committee would receive an update<br>at a future meeting with regards to the total number of job<br>opportunities available via the creation of the new units<br>onsite around the airport area.   | N Biddle                |  |
| 7.           | Peel Land & Property<br>Update –<br>Development   | Reports had been received that the onsite plastics<br>company were omitting odours into the atmosphere.<br>It was also reported that there was also an issue regarding<br>standing surface water on the corner of the Avro Park<br>development.<br>It was agreed that both these issues would be<br>investigated. | N Biddle                |  |
| 8.           | Peel Land & Property<br>Update – Planning   | It was agreed that the DfT's letter regarding the SYMCA's<br>final City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement<br>(CRSTS) Programme business case be circulated to the<br>Committee.   | P Kennan<br>via A Shirt | Update 07.04.22<br>Letter circulated via email to the<br>Committee.<br>ACTION DISCHARGED   |

# Actions arising from the Airport Consultative Committee Ordinary Meeting held on 7 April 2022

| 10. | Community<br>Investment Fund –<br>Summary of<br>Applications 2022 | The total amount of funding available for 2022 projects to be confirmed by DSA. | K Moran<br>via K Stow                         | Update 22.06.22Funding allocated for 2022 projects =£9,929.22.ACTION DISCHARGED   |
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| 12. | Summary of<br>Applications for<br>Community<br>Defibrillators     | To be confirmed if DSA would be supplying and installing the Defibrillators.    | K Moran<br>to<br>ascertain<br>with<br>D Monks | Update 12.04.22<br>The allocation does not include outdoor<br>fitting. Portable units will be distributed to<br>the three successful applicants.<br>ACTION DISCHARGED |

# Agenda Item 5



# **DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

## SPECIAL MEETING

## 26 JULY 2022

## PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

D Grant (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor M Jones (Sheffield City Council), K Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC), Councillor N Turner (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Y Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

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

ACC Members in attendance virtually:- A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor J Cattanach (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor J Cox (Doncaster MBC (Substitute Member for Cllr S Cox)), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), C Hall (Doncaster MBC), Councillor G Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority / Private Sector LEP Board Member), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), M Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council) and M Sewell (Doncaster MBC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), N McCarron (Ex-Officio), Councillor C Perraton-Williams (Lincolnshire County Council) and Parish Councillor S Ward (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

## 1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst opened the meeting and said that things do not stay the same for ever and that change is the only constant. But the word of the moment must surely be 'volatility'.

Whether this concerns government, the weather, the COVID pandemic, interest and exchange rates, hospital admissions, commodity prices, or inflation, it is a brave person who would predict how things will be in a week, let alone any longer in time.

As for the Aviation and Travel Industries in general the pandemic and, to some extent Brexit, have had more adverse impacts than were imagined.

And, of course, DSA is no exception in facing the challenges.

Last week's announcement had come as a shock to everyone and yet we knew that when Wizz Air failed to honour its contract with DSA the challenges facing the airport would increase.

Naturally Members all saddened and alarmed but realise that the announcement was necessary.

The ACC has always been a keen supporter of DSA and has developed an excellent working relationship with Peel Airports Ltd whose commitment to the region has been unquestioned.

The Committee have always found the operator to be open and supportive of the local community, and it is in that spirit that David Grant has agreed to brief the Committee today on the strategic review.

On behalf of the ACC, A Tolhurst welcomed David Grant to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

## 2 <u>STRATEGIC REVIEW OF DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT - BRIEFING BY</u> DAVID GRANT, MANAGING DIRECTOR, DSA

The Committee received a private briefing from David Grant, Managing Director of Doncaster Sheffield Airport on the recently announced review of strategic options for the Airport.

It was explained that the purpose of today's briefing was to provide the Committee with details on the process of events which had led to the strategic review commencing.

An overview of the timetable for consultation and engagement with key stakeholders would also be discussed, together with an update on where the Airport currently was in the process.

The Committee noted that over the last 17 years, the Peel Group had invested significantly in the terminal building, the airfield and in its operations.

Despite long-term aspirations for growth in passenger numbers (as contained in the Airport Master Plan), the Airport had never achieved the critical mass required to become profitable and was currently operating at a significant loss each year.

The announcement on 10 June 2022 of the unilateral withdrawal of the Wizz Air based aircraft at DSA, by Wizz Air UK Ltd had come as a total surprise to the Peel Group.

It was explained that, during March/April 2022 the Airport and Wizz Air UK had entered into a legally binding framework which would see three Wizz Air based aircrafts at DSA, together with new routes.

The withdrawal of Wizz Air would now leave the Airport with only one base carrier, namely TUI.

It was explained that Wizz Air Hungary Ltd was still operating flights from DSA to Eastern European routes. Following the announcement of the strategic review, passengers had been notified that it was still 'business as usual' at the Airport.

It was explained that there had also been other significant challenges for DSA in recent years due to changes triggered by Brexit and the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the aviation sector.

In addition, the Government's vision for the aviation sector to reach net zero aviation, or Jet Zero by 2050 would also require significant investment from the Peel Group.

Significant investment would also be required in future for sustainable vehicles at the Airport.

Following lengthy private discussions with stakeholders and central government around the future viability of the Airport, the Board of DSA had reached the conclusion that the current operating model was not sustainable and a review of strategic options for the Airport was required.

The Peel Group had reviewed the conclusions of the Board of DSA and commissioned external independent advice in order to evaluate and test the conclusions drawn, which had concurred with the Board's initial findings.

On 13 July 2022, the Peel Group had issued a press release announcing the strategic review of the Airport.

It was confirmed that the Board had not made the decision at this time to close the Airport. A decision around the Airport's future would be made at the conclusion of the review.

The Committee noted that DSA and the Peel Group had now initiated a 6-week consultation and engagement programme with key stakeholders and central government on the future of the site.

It was noted that the first meeting of the Stakeholder Group had been held in Doncaster on 25 July 2022. It was reported that the meeting had been positive and attended by representatives of the Peel Group and key stakeholders.

Confirmation was received that "all options currently remain on the table" and that the Peel Group are open to consider and explore serious, sustainable, deliverable solutions and options presented to them.

Engagement and consultation was also currently taking place with Local MPs and central government via Robert Courts MP.

A Tolhurst thanked D Grant for the briefing and invited questions from Members.

Key points arising from Members' discussion are summarised below:

 It was questioned if DSA was still an attractive proposition and if there were any another similar regional airports to DSA.
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- D Grant replied that different owners have different measures of success. Currently, there was not a similar regional airport to DSA.
- The Committee referred to Teesside Airport, which had been brought back into public ownership and saved from closure by Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen. It was questioned and discussed if this could act as a model for DSA.
- It was questioned if there was a financial figure on the table which would make DSA runnable for the future.
- D Grant replied that a short-term cash fix would not solve DSA's current situation. DSA's Business Model would need to change for DSA to become sustainable in the long term. Projections had been undertaken looking at different scenarios for DSA (this included low-cost carrier options, short-haul connectivity and a hub-carrier). It was highlighted that with additional volume, comes additional costs. Therefore, future developments and investments would be required in DSA's infrastructure.
- The Committee noted that only 30% of people in the region surveyed were aware that Doncaster had an airport and were prepared to use it, despite large investments and marketing DSA as a brand in the local market.
- The Committee highlighted that passengers are prepared to travel to airports, but only if flights are available to the destinations they wish to travel to.
- The Committee noted that the Airport site employed 800 people. DSA directly employed 150 people. GVA for the area on a yearly basis was £50m.
- If the Airport Board took the decision to close DSA, cabin crew and engineers would be redeployed elsewhere.
- The Committee discussed DSA's duty-free / tax free offering, which is a revenue generator and now available to all passengers following Brexit. It was noted that the Airport was performing well in this area.
- In response to a question, it was confirmed that the external independent advice which had been sought around the initial findings of the Board of DSA were specialists in modelling. In addition, they had commissioned an airport specialist for advice.
- It was confirmed that there were no plans to build houses on DSA's runway.
- It was queried and discussed why Wizz Air had withdrawn from their contract with the Airport.
- It was questioned if it would be feasible for DSA to operate as a non-passenger airport with freight, NPAS and other operations taking place. In response, it was noted that there would still need to be a certain level of air traffic control and fire service presence at the Airport. Of which, these fixed costs are very high.
- The Committee was pleased to note that TUI remained fully committed to DSA. TUI's winter 2023 programme had been launched on 21 July 2022 with seats on sale at DSA to March 2024.
- Wizz Air Hungary Ltd seats were currently on sale at DSA until April 2023.

A Bosmans expressed his disappointment at the situation. He said that he would welcome the opportunity to meet with D Grant and Airport colleagues following today's meeting.

The Committee stated that they remain fully committed to DSA and would welcome future updates on the outcome of the strategic review.

A Tolhurst thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He asked Members to dispel rumours which were circulating on social media and inform local residents that a financially viable solution was currently being sought for the future of the Airport. Page 20 RESOLVED – That the briefing be noted.

# 3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR

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# Agenda Item 6



# DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

# SPECIAL MEETING – HELD VIRTUALLY

### **29 SEPTEMBER 2022**

# PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

Councillor D Beck (Substitute Member for Cllr Lelliott (Rotherham MBC)), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), D Grant (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), C Hall (Doncaster MBC), C Hill (Substitute Member for M Di Salvatore (West Linsey District Council)), Councillor M Jones (Sheffield City Council), N McCarron (Ex-Officio), Councillor Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), M Sewell (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt (Committee Secretary, Barnsley MBC), Town Councillor I Smith (Substitute for Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Y Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor P Raybould (Blaxton Parish Council) and Parish Councillor N Williams (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Blackham (Doncaster MBC), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor Councillor J Cattanach (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), County Councillor K Girling (Nottinghamshire County Council), Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Councillor G Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Kennan (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority / Private Sector LEP Board Member), Councillor S Knowles (Doncaster MBC), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Parish Councillor A Martin (Finningley Parish Council) and M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council)

## 1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

## 2 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

A Tolhurst opened the meeting and he said that on Monday 26 September 2022, the waiting was over. At 11:30 am that morning the sad news was announced that

aviation services at DSA would start to be rundown in just over four weeks, on 31 October 2022.

Like many ACC Members, his association with the airfield dated back some time. It was in 1983 that he came to RAF Finningley to begin two of the most enjoyable years of his RAF career. He was delighted when his connection was restored in 2005 as an ACC Member.

Monday's announcement was a great disappointment to him, as it will have been to the many who campaigned for its retention as an operational airfield after the RAF had moved out, and more recently to the 100,000+ who had signed the petition to keep the airport open.

A Tolhurst said that we are where we are and he was grateful to David Grant, the Managing Director, for agreeing to brief the Committee on the Strategic Review process and how the decision to close the airport for aviation services was made.

## 3 <u>UPDATE ON THE CONSULTATION OUTCOME OF THE STRATEGIC REVIEW OF</u> <u>DSA - DAVID GRANT (INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR, DSA)</u>

D Grant provided Members with a summary of the consultation process which had been carried out to undertake the Strategic Review of DSA.

It was reported that work had been undertaken principally via a Working Group led by Doncaster MBC (known as the 'South Yorkshire Partners'). The Working Group included representatives from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and the Doncaster Chamber of Commerce. Included within the Working Group were smaller Sub-Groups focusing upon two workstreams.

The first workstream was established to investigate different ownership models. The second workstream was to examine different operating models for the airport.

In relation to the operating model, the South Yorkshire Partners had commissioned a number of external consultants with specialisms in aviation and infrastructure. At the Working Group meetings Members explored different operating models for the airport with the input and knowledge from the consultants.

The options were explored and reported back to the Working Group. D Grant explained that he had not seen the conclusions of this work.

In relation to the second workstream around exploring different ownership models, the Committee was informed that the South Yorkshire Partners had stated that there would be no direct funding available from them. They had made this position very clear from the start of the consultation period.

In addition, this position had also been adopted in the previous 2 years when Peel had approached them for equity and debt funding.

It was reported that weekly conversations had taken place between Peel Group's Chief Executive, Peel Airport's Chairman and D Grant to discuss different ownership models. The South Yorkshire Partners had decided that they would go to the market to seek a third-party investor or operator.

As announced in the Press, the South Yorkshire Partners had indicated that they had found a potential consortium, which they considered to be credible and a viable purchaser or operator for the airport. Partners had also indicated that the consortium had or was being led by an airline group.

At this time, Peel had indicated that they were very interested to obtain information around who the consortium may be and to hear their proposal.

Unfortunately, this did not materialise, and the South Yorkshire Partners did not come forward with further information.

On 22 September 2022 a letter was received from the South Yorkshire Partners offering grant funding to maintain operations for 13 months (to the end of October 2023).

It was reported that Peel had considered the letter and discussed its contents with various partners, including the Department for Transport (DfT) and with The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP (the new Secretary of State for Transport).

Peel concluded that the offer which had been made did not solve the problem, it only moved the problem on for a period of time. Peel made the decision not to accept the grant and to close DSA. This was announced on Monday 26 September 2022.

In relation to closing the airport and winding down aviation services on 31 October 2022, D Grant explained that he would be trying to maintain a full 24-hour operational service which would be focused on the passenger service in order to avoid any disruption.

It was highlighted that the key risk was losing staff in business-critical areas (e.g., Air Traffic Control, Fire and Rescue, Airfield Services and Fuel). If staffing levels dropped below a certain complement, the airport could not remain compliant in relation to aviation regulations.

D Grant's current focus was managing the airport and maintaining the service. It was highlighted that there were a number of Contingency Plans in place should staffing levels start to drop. If required, a number of business areas may close early in order to consolidate staffing levels within the terminal.

Work was also taking place with all the airport's business partners to ensure services remained in place.

The Committee was informed that TUI's last inbound flight to DSA would be on Friday 4 November 2022, when all airport services will cease, and the airport will cease to be an international passenger services airport.

In relation to other operators at DSA, D Grant reported that discussions were currently taking place in relation to them potentially being able to use the facility for a period of time after 4 November 2022.

Work also needed to take place around airspace, licensing and with UK Border Force.

The Committee were informed that staff consultation would take place on 5-6 October 2022 regarding a 45-day consultation period which would run until late November / early December 2022.

D Grant wished to place on record his sincere thanks to all DSA's staff for their incredible response, professionalism and for maintaining services during a very difficult period.

Retaining staff was now a key risk for the airport. Some staff had already accepted job offers at other airports.

The Committee was pleased to note that the Manchester Airport Group had offered a guaranteed interview scheme for any current DSA employee who wished to apply for a job within the Group. Similar offers had also been received from Leeds Bradford Airport, Birmingham Airport, Liverpool John Lennon Airport and Newcastle Airport.

A Tolhurst thanked D Grant for his briefing and invited questions from Members.

A Tolhurst asked if grants from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority had any terms and conditions attached to them.

D Grant replied that under previous EU Competition Rules, DSA would not have been able to accept grants as this could be viewed as favourable treatment by other airports. He understood that the rules had now changed following Brexit. There had been previous discussions with the Mayoral Combined Authority regarding an equity sale or a loan facility of £20m to the airport.

Councillor Cox asked if the £20m loan from the Mayoral Combined Authority would have changed Peel's position if it had been offered. In addition, he asked if the 'Green Agenda' had contributed to the decision to close DSA.

D Grant replied that, if the loan had been offered at the time it had been requested, then it would have been accepted by Peel.

In relation to the Green Agenda, due to the runway and location of DSA, some studies had suggested that DSA would have been well-placed to be at the forefront of the green aviation revolution. In addition, the Green Agenda (Jet Zero) would place considerable addition costs to all airports and would have made viability more difficult to achieve.

Councillor Cox reported that he had requested information at a Doncaster MBC's Full Council meeting regarding how the initial decision not to provide a loan of £20m to DSA had been made. Councillor Cox had been informed that no information was available from the Authority.

Town Councillor Smith asked how many passengers DSA would need to make the operation viable.

D Grant replied that it would require around 2.5 to 3 million passengers per year to make the operation viable.

In response to a question from Y Woodcock, D Grant confirmed that the Hangars onsite at the Airport would not be demolished. A number of Hangars had tenants in situ who may decide to stay or leave.

It was also confirmed that there were currently no plans to remove any of the airport's infrastructure in the short-term.

Councillor Cox asked if D Grant anticipated if the airport would open again in the future.

D Grant replied that it was difficult to provide his comments on this question. He confirmed that the airport's infrastructure would remain in place for use.

Councillor Cox highlighted that there was a section in Doncaster MBC's Local Plan stating that any development around the airport needed to be aviation related. He asked if no aviation was taking place onsite at the airport, would there need to be a request submitted to Doncaster MBC for a revaluation of the Local Plan, or resubmission of planning applications which had already been submitted to Doncaster MBC.

D Grant confirmed Councillor Cox's statement was correct, however, he was unfamiliar with the original planning consent for the airport.

It was confirmed that the GatewayEast consents were predicated on the airport's use. D Grant said that he was unable to provide any further comments on what this change would mean. He understood that Doncaster MBC officers were currently having discussions around this.

N McCarron asked if DSA's runway was still available for emergency diverts.

D Grant confirmed that whilst DSA was still open, and had a public licence to operate, the airport needed to be available for emergency diverts. The airport was also part of the National Managed Plan and was named in this Plan for certain emergency situations. When the airport closes, there was no statutory or legal requirement for DSA to remain in the Plan.

Parish Councillor Williams asked if an estimate cost could be provided in relation to restarting the facility once Peel had left the site.

D Grant replied that it was difficult to provide an estimate; this would depend on the length of time the facility had stood still and what items had been removed. He envisaged that additional capital expenditure would be required for x-ray equipment and this could cost millions.

Councillor Pidwell asked what Peel's position would be if the unnamed consortium came forward now with a late offer.

D Grant replied that it was difficult to answer this question; this would be for the Peel Board to deliberate.

Y Woodcock commented that she was very sad about the announcement to close DSA now that Doncaster was a City.

Y Woodcock wished to place on record her thanks to A Tolhurst for chairing ACC meetings and to A Shirt for his support to the Committee. Y Woodcock also thanked N McCarron who had been involved with the airport from the very beginning.

A Tolhurst said that the relationship which the Committee had with Peel Airports over the years had been fantastic. A Tolhurst wished to place on record his personal thanks to DSA's staff, who had never shied away from answering questions and for being open and involved with the Committee throughout.

Members were informed that arrangements would be made for a final ACC meeting to be held towards the end of October / the beginning of November.

It was confirmed that the ACC meeting scheduled for 6 October 2022 would be cancelled.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the update.

### 4 <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>

No further items of business were discussed.

CHAIR

# Agenda Item 7



# DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

# NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

# 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

# PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

C Barnes (Doncaster Sheffield Airport / Liverpool John Lennon Airport), A Bosmans (FODSA), 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 Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor S Knowles (Doncaster MBC), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), K Moran (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), A Shirt (Committee Secretary (Barnsley MBC)), Town Councillor I Smith (Substitute Member for Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Parish Councillor N Williams (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor A Martin (Finningley Parish Council), Parish Councillor P Raybould (Blaxton Parish Council) and Town Councillor P Walker (Tickhill Town Council)

# 1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

## 2 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

A Tolhurst opened the meeting and highlighted that the momentous events of the past couple of weeks had overshadowed the problems faced in the Summer at airports and other travel facilities.

As for Aviation, the changes introduced at airports and the reduction in the number of flights had meant that travel experiences have got better. That said, many passengers are still frustrated that their trips have been cancelled or that they are unable to travel when they want.

Locally the focus has been on the Strategic Review which Peel had been undertaking. The consultation has produced a variety of opinions on the best future for DSA, with the on-line petition demonstrating how important the airport is to local people and the economy. That said, despite many reports of better times as well as gloomy forecasts Members are no wiser on the future for DSA.

The Committee eagerly await the announcement on 26 September 2022.

The Committee were reminded that a special ACC meeting had been arranged for 29 September at 2:00 pm when David Grant will brief Members on the Peel Board's decision and the way forward.

#### 3 <u>MEMBERSHIP UPDATE</u>

RESOLVED – That Members noted that Cantley with Branton Parish Council have appointed Parish Councillor Neville Williams in place of ex Parish Councillor Stephen Ward on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

## 4 <u>MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB</u> COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 23 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

### 5 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u>

i) <u>Presentation on the Standard Instrument Departure Route (SID) procedure /</u> <u>Explanation of the Area Navigation (RNAV) Approach</u>

It was noted that arrangements would be made for the Committee to receive a presentation at their December 2022 meeting on the Standard Instrument Departure Route (SID) procedure, together with an explanation of the Area Navigation (RNAV) approach method.

ii) Auckley Car Parking Problem

Councillor Cox reported that all discussions around resolving the car parking problems in Auckley had been paused due to the Strategic Review of DSA currently taking place. He added that the issue had been raised at a Doncaster MBC full Council meeting and with Mayor Coppard.

Councillor Cox highlighted that the delay was frustrating for local residents; he hoped that discussions would re-commence in the near future.

### 6 <u>AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT</u> <u>1 JUNE TO 31 AUGUST 2022</u>

The Committee received a presentation from C Barnes regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy report for the period 1 June to 31 August 2022.

The presentation included analysis of:

- The number and type of aircraft movements for the period;
- The number of arrivals and departures on each runway;

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- The number of complaints and individuals from each area (with and without the regular individual);
- Details of the operation which caused the complaints;
- The total number of complaints compared to the previous year;
- Details of the aircraft type and operator that had resulted in complaints from each area;
- DSA's annual number of complaints and total air transport movements from 2005 to 2022; and
- The number of night-time departures from Runway 20 for the period June to August 2022.

The presentation also set out the number of night-time departures that did not follow the Noise Preferential Route from June to August 2022, the number of Quota Count 4 movements for each annual summer and winter period from November 2010 to August 2022, the number of Quota Count Points used from April 2005 to August 2022, and the number of Engine Tests undertaken during the period June to August 2022.

During the period June to August 2022, a total of 36 complaints had been received from 13 individuals. Without the regular individual, 17 complaints had been received from 10 individuals.

On 15 August 2022, DSA had received 6 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Bawtry area regarding TUI and Wizz Air arrivals at the airport during the night between 01:50 to 04:28.

In response to a question from Councillor Cox, K Moran explained that there had been a temporary shortage of aviation fuel, partly due to DSA taking increased traffic from Manchester Airport due to slot restrictions.

It was confirmed that there had been no supply issues with regards to aviation fuel. However, the oil refinery had recently had a shortage of qualified delivery drivers.

A Tolhurst noted that there had been significantly less complaints received by the Airport in relation to training flights.

A Dutton replied that the majority of airlines had made a large number of pilots redundant during the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that pilots were still undertaking training flights, however, a large majority of training was now undertaken by using a flight simulator. This method reduced costs and emissions.

A Tolhurst highlighted that there had been significantly less Quota Count 4 Movements at DSA during 2022.

K Moran commented that, due to the currently uncertainty at DSA, there had been a significant reduction in cargo movements.

The Committee thanked C Barnes for his informative presentation.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the presentation.

#### 7 <u>ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT</u>

No update was available for today's meeting.

#### 8 <u>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</u>

None.

### 9 FEEDBACK FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### i) Flight Costs

Town Councillor Cropley reported that he had recently seen an advertisement on 'TravelZoo's Top 20' for a 3-night break to Kraków from £89.00. Upon further investigation, the flight from East Midlands Airport was £99.00, whereas the flight from DSA was £169.00. He asked why it was more expensive to flight from DSA.

In response, A Dutton said that this was often due to passenger demand – the higher the price, the more passenger demand there was. In addition, the airlines could charge as they wished.

A Bosmans added that there were two different airlines operating – Wizz Air from DSA and Ryanair from East Midlands Airport.

#### ii) <u>Pending Outcome of the Strategic Review of DSA</u>

The Committee referred to the pending outcome of the Strategic Review of DSA. Members' expressed their continued support for DSA and hoped that there would be a positive outcome announced on Monday 26 September 2022.

The Committee wished to place on record its thanks to all of DSA's employees and wished them all the very best for the future.

In response to rumours circulating on social media, it was confirmed that Doncaster MBC's Local Plan stipulated that the land on and around DSA was limited to aviation use and infrastructure for aero related activities.

#### 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

## 11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022 AT 10:00 AM

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 1 December 2022 at 10:00 am.

CHAIR

# Agenda Item 8

# **Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee**

# **Background**

The Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee (DSA ACC) (Formerly Robin Hood Airport Consultative Committee) was established in late 2004 in response to the Planning Conditions attached to the development of the airport. The Committee took over from the DMBC Consultation Group which had been in place during the airport development consultation phase.

The Committee is subject to S35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and its constitution was based on guidelines issued in 2003 by the Department for Transport. The Committee's purpose, set out in the Constitution, is "to enable the Airport Operator, communities in the vicinity of the airport, local authorities, local business representatives, airport users and other interested parties to exchange information and ideas." The Committee first met in early 2005 following the opening of the airfield as a commercial airport.

Initially there were two sub-committees: the Noise Monitoring and the Community. The latter was disbanded in 2007 because of falling attendance at meetings. The terms of reference for the Noise Monitoring Sub-committee were then expanded and the name changed to the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee (NMESC).

In 2014 the Department for Transport issued new guidelines for consultative committees and the DSA ACC Constitution was updated accordingly to include a Code of Conduct for members. Membership of the main and sub-committee has been subject over the years to regular changes as authorities nominated new representatives. To facilitate the changes a New Members' Induction Pack was produced in 2015.

Main Committee (ACC) meetings have been held quarterly since DSA was opened. Meetings of the NMESC have also been held quarterly. Secretarial support for both committees has been provided since 2005 by the Joint Authorities Governance Unit (formerly South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Attached is a list of the DSA ACC main achievements.

# **DSA Achievements**

Listed below are some of the DSA Consultative Committee main achievements:

# 1. Meetings

- 136 NMESC/ACC regular meetings
- 16 AGMs

# 2. Projects

- Managed development of memorial to RAF heritage, including design and erection of "Aviator" and Monument Stone.
- Supported Memorial formal opening event.
- Hosted consultation meetings of local representatives and stakeholdesr on Airport Masterplans, including major event at Mount Pleasant Hotel
- Led DSA Timeline Exhibition project, depicting history of the site from 1916 to Present
- Produced plan for staging a Families Day event at the airport
- Led investigation into vehicle parking problems at Auckley

# 3. Consultations

- Provided feedback on DSA Airspace Change proposals
- Provided feedback on Performance Based Navigation Departure and Arrival Procedures
- Advised on Pilgrim Fathers/ Mayflower 400 celebrations
- Commented on DSA Railway Station proposals
- Commented on Government and DfT Proposals, and CAA consultations as follows:
  - 1. Aviation 2050-The Future of UK Aviation
  - 2. Airspace Modernisation Update
  - 3. Passenger Access to UK Airports
  - 4. Review of Surface Access
  - 5. Proposals for Revised Airspace Change Process
  - 6. Assistance to People with Hidden Disabilities
  - 7. Guidance for Airports on Assistance to Passengers with Reduced Mobility

# 4. Processes

- Scrutinised actions arising from implementation of GatewayEast projects
- Designed and introduced Community Investment Fund process and administration
- Designed application process and advised on Defibrillator installations in local community
- Developed members' Induction Pack
- Advised on development of Vexatious Complaints Policy
- Advised on distribution of funds raised under the Noise Charging Policy, which was designed to encourage operators to use modern, quieter aircraft types.

# 5. Visits/Presentations

- Several study events on aircraft performance, air traffic regulations and Terminal passenger and cargo handling processes
- Visits to Terminal Building, Air Traffic Control and Fire and Rescue Facility
- Visit Cargo Handling Facility
- Visits to Hangar 2, Vulcan to the Sky project
- Attended Passengers with reduced Mobility (PRM) Open Day event
- Briefings on airport security, drone operations and UK Border Force and Policing

# 6. <u>Reports</u>

- Scrutinised and approved submission to DMBC of 17 Annual Noise Monitoring Reports under S106
- Produced quarterly Newsletter for publication in local media

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