

Consultative Committee

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 Copley (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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB 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 MATTERS ARISING

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

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 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT 1 JUNE TO 31 AUGUST 2022

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;

- 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 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

No update was available for today's meeting.

8 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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) Pending Outcome of the Strategic Review of DSA

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