

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 stakeholders 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. Reports

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