

**You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group
to be held on:-**

Date:- Wednesday, 16 March 2016 **Venue:- Town Hall, Moorgate Street, ROTHERHAM. S60 2TH**

Time:- 2.00 p.m.

RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd December, 2015 (Pages 1 - 4)
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not covered by the agenda items)
4. Updates from the Transport Operators (Pages 5 - 18)
 - 1) First Group
 - 2) Stagecoach
 - 3) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
 - 4) Rotherham Community Transport
 - 5) Northern Rail (report at pages 5 and 6)
 - 6) Robin Hood Airport - Consultative Committee meeting - minutes of the AGM on 14 January, 2016 (pages 7 to 11) and the ordinary meeting, also on 14 January, 2016 (pages 12 to 16), together with a report about the new link road to the airport (pages 17 and 18)
5. Updates from RMBC Transportation Unit
6. Any other business
7. Date and time of the next meeting - Wednesday 29 June 2016 at 2.00pm

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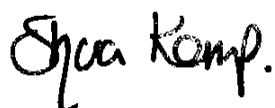
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Chief Executive.**

Transport Liaison Group membership:-

Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods & Combined Authority
Transport Committee Member - Councillor Lelliott (Chair)
Combined Authority Transport Committee Member, Councillor Godfrey
The Leader and the Deputy Leader

One Council Member from each Ward as follows:-

Ward 1 – Jepson	Ward 8 - Cutts	Ward 15 - Cowles
Ward 2 – Alam	Ward 9 – Beaumont	Ward 16 - Rose
Ward 3 – Ahmed	Ward 10 – Whelbourn	Ward 17 - Reeder
Ward 4 – Finnie	Ward 11 – Hughes	Ward 18 – Watson
Ward 5 – Astbury	Ward 12 – Khan	Ward 19 – Atkin
Ward 6 – Pitchley	Ward 13 – M. Vines	Ward 20 – Hoddinott
Ward 7 – Hamilton	Ward 14 – Rosling	Ward 21 – Hunter



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RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP
Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015

Present:- Councillors Atkin, Beaumont, Cutts, Godfrey, Hunter, Jepson, Khan, M. Vines, Rose and Whelbourn. Parish Councillors F. Hodgkiss (Brampton Bierlow Parish Council) and J. R. Swann (Woodsetts Parish Council).

Also in attendance : Mr. S. Gardiner (Stagecoach), Mr. N. Broadhead (SYPTTE), Mr. S. Radford (First Group), Mr. D. Cooper (Rotherham Community Transport) and Mr. S. Brown (Highways and Transportation, RMBC).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowles, Hamilton, Lelliott, Pitchley and Reeder and from Mr. D. Stevenson (Stagecoach), Mrs. K. Naylor (Robin Hood Airport) and Mrs. A. Bell (Northern Rail).

11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Agreed:- That Councillor A. Atkin be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

(Councillor Atkin in the Chair)

12. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Transport Liaison Group, held on 23rd September, 2015.

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

13. PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Further to Minute No. 21 of the meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group held on 25th March, 2015, it was reported that the two Parish Council representatives nominated to join the RMBC Transport Liaison Group are:-

Parish Councillor Frank Hodgkiss (Brampton Bierlow Parish Council);
Parish Councillor Richard Swann (Woodsetts Parish Council).

14. UPDATES FROM THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS

(1) First Group – changes to services will be effective from 31 January 2016 or 1 February 2016 in order to improve the delivery of services, some of which serve routes to the Sheffield City Centre. Other service improvements affect routes around the Rotherham College of Arts and Technology and into the Rotherham Passenger Transport Interchange.

(2) Stagecoach – similarly (to First Group) some changes to services will be effective from 31 January 2016 or 1 February 2016 in order to improve the delivery of services. It was noted that, with effect from 1 February

2016, the route of the 222 service will terminate at Mexborough and will no longer serve the Rotherham Borough area. Several Members complimented the Stagecoach drivers for their customer-friendly conduct.

(3) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYLTE) – various changes to services will be effective from 31 January 2016 or 1 February 2016, again in order to improve the delivery of services. Bus routes affected include the 22X, 217, 218 and 22 in the Dearne Valley, Goldthorpe and Mexborough areas. Services between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, 2015 will operate on Saturday timetables, although Sheffield City Council would be funding some additional services in its area.

A public survey had been undertaken in October 2015, in the South of the Rotherham Borough area, concerning the provision of bus services there. The survey results were currently being assessed and would be made available for Elected Members early in 2016.

Bus network reviews were taking place currently in Doncaster and would begin in Barnsley in mid- to late-2016. A similar review for the Rotherham Borough area would begin at a later date.

Reference was made to the petition, containing 457 signatures, from residents of the Swinton area, requesting the provision of a Rotherham bus service to Piccadilly Road and onto Wentworth Road, Swinton. The petition would be presented to the Borough Council meeting taking place on Wednesday 9th December, 2015. It was noted that, to date, there was no interest from bus operators in providing such a service to this area.

(4) Rotherham Community Transport – Dementia awareness training continues for Community Transport staff on a county-wide basis. Visits have been made to every dementia café in South Yorkshire to highlight the availability of community transport. A successful awareness-raising event had also taken place recently at the Maltby Miners' Welfare centre.

(5) Northern Rail – Members asked that every endeavour be made to ensure the attendance of a representative of Northern Rail at the next meeting. Reference was made to (i) late night rail services in the Kiveton Park area and the apparent under-collection of fares; (ii) the car parking difficulties being experienced at the Kiveton Park railway station and whether the relocation of the car park would be beneficial; and (iii) the need for the better integration of local rail and bus timetables in the Anston, Kiveton Park and Wales areas, many of which provide routes into the Sheffield city centre.

(6) Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport - Consideration was given to the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Robin Hood Airport Consultative Committee held on 15th October, 2015. Details of the presentation 'Improving the Passenger Experience' (made at that meeting) were also included. Members suggested that the airport would

benefit from the provision of a railway link for passenger and freight journeys.

15. **UPDATES FROM RMBC TRANSPORTATION UNIT**

The Transport Liaison Group received a presentation from Stephen Brown (Transportation Officer, RMBC) concerning the Rotherham Transport Strategy 2014 to 2026, which had been prepared in line with a wide range of policy documents, in both a national and a regional context. The Transport Strategy captures interaction with other disciplines such as land use planning, air quality, health and regeneration. Within this framework, a strategy is needed to prevent a piecemeal approach to projects. Based on the evidence of the need and challenges faced, this Strategy sets out priorities and informs decisions.

Central Government had reinforced the key role that effective and efficient Transportation and Highway networks have on Economic Growth. This Strategy will integrate into the development of the growth plan for the Sheffield City Region and Rotherham's own Growth Plan. The Transport Strategy forms the Transport Vision to the year 2028 (the end point of the Rotherham Local Plan).

Priorities are :-

- i) Enjoy sustainable growth – new development will be based on compact mixed use centres focussed on high-quality public transport;
- ii) Be a connected place – people and places are connected by an integrated, safe and efficient transport network;
- iii) Make sustainable travel choices – walking, cycling and public transport are a normal part of daily travel.

Various challenges also have to be met by the use of a Transport Strategy, including:-

Economic growth; Car dependency; Physical inactivity; Energy and climate change; Traffic congestion; reductions in funding (including public spending).

The Transport Strategy will no longer be delivered solely through an annual programme of Transportation and Highways grant funded schemes and initiatives. The influence of devolution on future funding and transport infrastructure is likely to be significant.

Consultation about the Rotherham Transport Strategy was currently taking place with Elected members and with Parish Councils. The full document was very large and difficult to download via the Borough Council's Internet website. Copies were available on compact disc and it was suggested that copies should also be made available within the Borough Council's principal libraries and community libraries.

Agreed:- That the information presented about the Rotherham Transport Strategy be noted.

16. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- (1) That the next meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Wednesday, 16th March, 2016, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

(2) That the next following meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group take place on Wednesday, 29th June, 2016.

REPORT



SUBJECT: KIVETON PARK – PARK AND RIDE

DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 2016

BACKGROUND

The current situation with regards to parking at the two Kiveton stations is very limited. There are only 14 official spaces (including 2x accessible) at Kiveton Park, yet South Yorkshire PTE surveys have regularly recorded more than this parked at the station. There have also been reports of non-rail users parking at station throughout the day; although with the current 'free parking' policy for South Yorkshire rail stations this is very difficult for the rail station operator to manage.

There is no dedicated parking available for rail customers at Kiveton Bridge and with only limited on-street parking there is increased pressure on spaces at Kiveton Park.

CURRENT POSITION

South Yorkshire PTE are very interested in exploring the possibilities of expanding the Park and Ride facilities in the Kiveton area and there is potential funding set aside to carry out a feasibility study should the opportunity arise.

Over 2014/15 South Yorkshire PTE were exploring opportunities with Kiveton Park Steel, involving land adjacent to the canal at Kiveton Park. Unfortunately talks stalled when Kiveton Park Steel went into administration. It is understood administrators are actively trying to dispose the company's assets, so there remains a possibility that this land may become available.

Should the necessary funding to undertake a feasibility study be secured, the review would need to consider opportunities to increase station parking for both Kiveton stations. However, any proposals for enhancements to stations will ultimately increase the traffic – both vehicle and pedestrians – that traverses the Level Crossing on Packman Lane. Network Rail would then need to assess any proposals to ascertain the impact enhancements could have on the level of risk at the crossing – pedestrian usage is one of the main risk drivers. The proposed studies would look at other potential alternative sites close to both Kiveton Park and Kiveton Bridge Stations

GOING FORWARD

The rail franchise operator for services along this route will change from the 1st April 2016. Although the detail is not available at present, it is understood that there will be an increase in the level of rail services on this line. Although the frequency of services calling at either of the Kiveton stations may not increase – as there are proposals for an express Retford to Sheffield service – any additional trains will impact on the Packman Lane Level Crossing. Therefore, it is recommended that no study be undertaken until South Yorkshire PTE has sight of the Train Service Requirement the new operator Arriva Rail North Ltd intends to run so this can be included in any evaluation.

Once the Train Service Requirement has been made public and funding is secured to undertake the feasibility study, South Yorkshire PTE will look at compiling an Engineer's Brief. It is vital that any study is done in partnership with both the Sheffield City Region and Rotherham MBC to ensure any long-term regeneration plans and the impact on the highway are considered – particularly in light of the issues surrounding the increase in traffic flow along B6059 (Red Hill / Dog Kennel Lane) and over the level crossing at Packman Lane, adjacent to Kiveton Park station.



ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint MP), T Henshaw (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor E Hoddinott (Rotherham MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), B Mordue (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor P J O'Connor (Lincolnshire County Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Councillor C L Strange (West Lindsey District Council), Town Councillor Gordon Whitehead (Tickhill Town Council), Y D Woodcock (Ex-Officio), C Woolley (Securitas UK) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Claire Woolley (Securitas UK)

Apologies were received from: J Bamford, Councillor J Blackham, Councillor R Blake, M Cotterill, Councillor J Cox, D Fell, Councillor R Franklin, S Gill, Councillor J Hart, Councillor I Saunders, Parish Councillor C Sheriff and Councillor P Skelding

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the tenth Annual General Meeting of Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield Consultative Committee.

Introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 MINUTES OF THE ACC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 January 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair reported that 2015 had been a very special year for Airport; it had marked its 10th Anniversary operating as a commercial entity and saw the signing of a new contract between the Airport and Thompson, which had been operating services from the site for 10 years. Furthermore, to add to the good news, there was the introduction of the service to Dublin and the consequent opening up of services to the East Coast of America and Canada.

In November, there had been the announcement of a significant contract between the Airport and Flybe, which would introduce services to 8 new destinations starting in a couple of months' time. This would make the Airport even more attractive an option for local travellers as the services to Paris and Amsterdam in particular would make destinations to the East more accessible.

Given the endless delay on the decision to develop additional capacity in the south-east, the introduction of the Flybe services will undoubtedly be a benefit for local businesses and tourists.

There had been some important and interesting developments during 2015, nationally and locally which the Chair wished to report upon:-

Airport Commission

With regards to the debate about London Heathrow and Gatwick, the Chair believed that there was not enough attention given to the limitations posed by the available airspace in the South-East. The current air traffic system had been designed years ago, which must severely handicap developments in traffic volume. While aircraft separation distances over the Atlantic had been reduced to facilitate increases in traffic flow, it was not clear, whether the costs of developing a new ATC system in the UK had been factored into the project costs being considered by the Government to develop a larger hub in the South-East.

FARRRS

Another good news story was the creation of the Aero Centre Yorkshire, which with the new FARRRS link road would contribute to the regeneration of the region and add many new job opportunities.

The Chair highlighted that this was further proof of Peel's commitment to the airport site and to growth in the region.

Security

Internationally, there was the terrible accident involving a Russian airliner which was brought down over the Sinai; and the downing of a Malaysian Airlines aircraft over the Ukraine. Such events had focussed once again, attention on the need for tighter security and safety across the whole spectrum of aviation activity.

Passenger security checks had become more stringent, causing additional delays and inconvenience at airports. Procedures to ensure that security checkpoints could not be bypassed were routine and certain international routes had been closed to airlines as the threats of terrorist actions had increased. The recent attack in Istanbul has had an immediate impact on travel to Turkey.

Last Class

The Chair informed the Committee that whilst looking at the global aviation scene, a couple of items had caught his attention last year. Some airlines had unofficially

introduced a new class of passenger seating entitled “last class”. It was difficult to know whether this news would have an adverse impact on passenger numbers, coupled with the ongoing debate around Air Passenger Duty (APD). The Chair suggested that this would not be welcomed by the travelling public.

Antisocial Behaviour

Another item to catch the Chair’s attention was with regards to the increases in antisocial behaviour on flights. In one case a woman passenger had grabbed a stewardess by the throat after an argument over a spilled drink. The flight from New York to Chicago had to be diverted, and the woman was arrested.

In December, a passenger on a BA flight from Amsterdam became verbally aggressive and unruly and had to be removed before the aircraft could depart from the airport.

In another case, a Jet2 aircraft on a flight to Newcastle had to be diverted to Shannon, because of a 42 year old woman from Sunderland being aggressive and abusive to the cabin crew and other passengers. She was arrested and was billed for £6800 to cover the cost of the diversion.

The Chair commented that in none of the cases above was there the consumption of alcohol reported to have been involved.

Local Developments

Turning to more positive matters and focussing on the local scene, the last season of Vulcan flying had been a great success, as demonstrated by the number of those viewing departures to and arrivals from air show tours. The only negative aspect was the lack of publicity of the last flight; however, the reasons for this were well understood.

Enthusiasm for the Vulcan as part of the local scene continued unabated and the news that an aviation engineering academy, with the Vulcan as its focal point, was planned for development at the airport was excellent news.

It was also good to hear that the Vulcan to the Sky Team would be working with a group seeking to restore to flying status a Mosquito World War 2 aircraft, had received universal approval and support.

ACC

2015 marked 10 years’ for the ACC as a facilitator between the Airport and the local community. The ACC continued to keep the Airport Director and his team informed of local concerns; one example being problems regarding off-site parking and the policing of the parking policy on the approach roads.

The first full year of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee had been operating in its new guise, and Members were gradually getting to grips with more detail and the technicalities of aviation.

The number of complaints about aircraft noise during the year was limited, with just a few complainants' comments making up the bulk of the totals. The Chair congratulated the airport for dealing with complaints regarding aircraft noise in a professional and caring manner.

The relationship between the Committee and the airport management continued to flourish. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the Airport Director and his colleagues for their support and advice over the past year and for their hard work in developing the airport as a key facilitator for the economic regeneration of the region.

The Chair rounded-up his Annual Report stating that with the New Year well underway, it was with satisfaction at all that had been achieved in 2015 and moving forward to even better times in 2016, which will be heralded by the opening of the FARRRS link road and the start of the new Flybe services.

Y Woodcock thanked the Chair and Committee Secretary for all their hard work undertaken during 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman's Annual Report be noted.

4 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - NEW MEMBER
INDUCTION PACK

The Chair presented Members with a copy of the 'ACC's New Member Welcome Pack'.

The Welcome Pack set out an introduction to the Committee and facts about the airport; the Committee's Constitution; meeting arrangements; membership and a list of airport company staff usually in attendance at meetings.

Parish Councillor McCarron referred to the membership of the Committee, highlighting that a number of the members listed, had either, never attended meetings or their attendance had been infrequent.

The Chair reminded Members that in the event when they could not attend a meeting; they were more than welcome to send a substitute from their organisation.

It was agreed that the Committee Secretary would write to Members whose attendance at Committee meetings over the last year had been infrequent.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the ACC New Members Welcome Pack be noted and endorsed by the Committee.
- ii) That the Committee Secretary writes to Members of the ACC whose attendance at Committee meetings, over the last year had been infrequent.

5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A report of the Committee Secretary was presented setting out the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

6 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016

RESOLVED – That the following schedule of meetings be agreed:-

Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 14 January 2016 (AGM and Ordinary)
Thursday 14 April 2016
Thursday 14 July 2016
Thursday 13 October 2016

Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee

Thursday 17 March 2016
Thursday 23 June 2016
Thursday 15 September 2016
Thursday 1 December 2016

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am in the Blenheim meeting room in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, unless stated otherwise.

CHAIR



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1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the Ordinary meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC).

An extended welcome went to Claire Woolley, Station Manager for Securitas UK based at Robin Hood Airport, and to Tom Henshaw, Aviation Development Executive, Robin Hood Airport.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3 PRESENTATION ON AIRPORT SECURITY

The Committee received a talk on Airport Security from Claire Woolley, Station Manager for Securitas UK, based at Robin Hood Airport.

Members were informed that further to the news of new Flybe routes departing from the airport, Securitas UK were currently in the process of recruiting additional Aviation Security Agents to carry out security checks at Robin Hood Airport. It was highlighted that all successful candidates were required to complete a 5 year back ground check, provide a clear DBS check and apply for a Counter Terrorist Check (CTC) prior to completing and passing a specialised course. The successful completion of the above checks was mandatory to be able to hold this position.

Members were provided with an overview of the procedures in place at Robin Hood when passengers pass through Central Search at the airport. It was highlighted that all personnel (pilots, cabin crew, aircraft cleaners, aircraft engineers*, ground staff and police officers etc) and passengers were all required to obtain security clearance, prior to entering the departure lounge and gaining entry on to the airfield.

*Aircraft engineers are also required to carry a "Tools of the Trade Card" to allow them entry onto the airfield to service the aircraft.

New security equipment was due to be installed at the airport, which would allow Agents to process passengers more efficiently.

Members were reassured that with air traffic on the increase every year, passenger safety is, and always would be the most important aspect of Aviation. It was important for aviation security to always be one step ahead of terrorists.

The Committee thanked Claire for providing them with an overview of the security policies and procedures in place at Robin Hood Airport.

On a separate issue, the Chair requested that the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee receives a presentation at their next meeting in relation to the Airport's code regarding the use of Drones and Lasers near to the airport.

ACTION: K Naylor

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the presentation.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 15 October 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that an update on the Airport Master Plan would be given within the Airport Activities update report at agenda item 6.

6 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT

T Henshaw provided the Committee with an update on Airport activities. In summary it was reported that:-

- During the current financial year, (April 2015 to December 2015), 722,576 passengers transited the airport, which was a 16.3% growth rate compared to the same period in 2014.
- December traffic was up 23% in terms of passenger throughput, with a 21% increase in flights.
- An agreement with Flybe had now been confirmed to base two Embraer E195 aircrafts (118 seats) at the airport. Eight direct destinations had been confirmed along with a further six on Flybe codeshares through Paris Charles de Gaulle. Direct and indirect destinations were now available to book via the Flybe website. The destinations available were as follows:

Direct Destinations:

- Paris Charles de Gaulle
- Amsterdam
- Berlin
- Alicante
- Malaga
- Faro
- Jersey
- Newquay

Indirect Destinations:

- Lyon
- Nuremburg
- Madrid
- Zurich
- Geneva
- Munich

- Flybe was expected to deliver 0.5m extra seats into the next financial year, with a start date of 24th March 2016.
- Wizzair continues to grow at the airport, and had announced both a new destination, Cluj Napoca in Romania, and capacity growth on existing routes.
- TUI Group had announced two new routes for 2016, Larnaca in Cyprus and Heraklion in Crete.
- Stobart Air, operating on behalf of Aer Lingus would be increasing frequency on the Robin Hood Airport to Dublin route from 5 weekly to 6, adding in a Saturday on rotation.
- In relation to cargo performance, the current position for the current financial year up to December 2015 was 264.7% growth compared to 2014. There had been just short of 3.0 million kilos of freight transported in the current financial year, versus 800 kilos of freight in the previous year.
- The Cargo Team were continuing to develop relationships with a number of carriers, brokers and freight forwarders.
- Work was progressing on works to the car park, and work would shortly begin at arrivals, central search, landside departure lounge and business lounge.
- Work was due to commence on a new self-serve avgas pump to ensure supply for operators of light aircraft.

- Works to maintain the apron to ensure maximum flexibility would be commencing shortly. Swissport had acquired further equipment to deal with the expansion in both passengers and cargo operations.
- Vulcan to the Sky had now taken control of Hangar 3 from Directions CIC. It was noted that Vulcan to the Sky were interested in opportunities to maximise the use of both the vacant office space and hangar space whilst continuing their visitor attraction operations.
- Phase 1 of the FARRRS link road had an expected completion date of late February, contingent on weather factors being favourable to construction. Consultation and planning had commenced on Phase 2 of the works (Bawtry Road to Hurst Lane).
- Aero Centre Yorkshire had now been launched; the website could be viewed at www.aero-centre.com/yorkshire. The brand would be used to attract inward investment to the airport and encourage mixed use for the 1600 acre site.
- The Aviation Development and Property Teams continued to work closely with Business Doncaster and Sheffield City Region Invest to maximise opportunities.
- A process had begun to refresh the Airport's Master Plan.

RESOLVED – That the Airport Activities update be noted.

7 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 3rd December 2015 be noted.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Tour of the Airport

Councillor Hoddinott asked if arrangements could be made for new Members of the Committee to receive a tour of the airport. **ACTION: A Tolhurst / K Naylor**

ii) Pilgrim Fathers

M Di Salvatore reported that she now had the contact details for the officer dealing with the arrangements being made for the 2020 celebrations of the Pilgrim Fathers, should Members require any further information.

iii) Official Opening of FARRRS

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if Members of the ACC would receive an invite to the official opening ceremony of the FARRRS link road.

Councillor Mordue agreed to follow-up with officers at Doncaster MBC and inform Members accordingly.

iv) New President of Doncaster Chamber of Commerce

Y Woodcock informed the Committee that Kelvin Fitton had recently been appointed as the new Doncaster Chamber President. It was suggested that Kelvin be invited to attend a future meeting of the ACC. **ACTION: A Tolhurst to consider the suggestion.**

v) Community Investment Fund

K Naylor informed Members the Airport would shortly be re-launching the Community Investment Fund; further information would be available shortly via the Airport's website.

Members welcomed the news and looked forward to receiving future updates.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the ACC be held on Thursday 14 April 2016, at 10:00 am in the Blenheim Meeting Room, Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR

It is take off time for Yorkshire as new link to the motorway officially opens in Doncaster

March 1, 2016



A major link road, which will cut journey times to the UK's fastest growing airport and help to create thousands of new jobs and homes in Doncaster, has officially opened today (29 February 2016) as Great Yorkshire Way.

Planning for the link from the south of Doncaster to Junction 3 of the M18 started over a decade ago as part of the Finningley and Rossington Regeneration Route Scheme (FARRRS). The three mile long section has now opened and been named to acknowledge its prominence as a prime gateway into Yorkshire and to reflect its importance as a catalyst for transforming the regional economy.

Great Yorkshire Way is already facilitating significant new developments along its corridor including the first two high quality logistics units at the £400million iPort and the first of 1,200 new homes at Torne Park on the regenerated former Rossington Colliery site. It will also significantly reduce journey times to Yorkshire's Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield, bringing an extra one million potential passengers to within a 60 minute drive.

Great Yorkshire Way is predicted to trigger £1.7billion of private sector investment creating 20,000 new jobs and 5,000 new homes. It is also expected to provide a three per cent boost to the Sheffield City Region's economy.

Opening Great Yorkshire Way with the partners who help deliver the scheme, Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, said: "This is a landmark occasion and the culmination of years of hard work to deliver one of the most important projects ever seen in Doncaster.

"Great Yorkshire Way is not only the gateway to the Sheffield City Region and Yorkshire it is the gateway to unprecedented levels of private sector investment which in turns sees thousands of new jobs and homes created. The local and regional economy is being transformed by this infrastructure scheme as many of the expected outcomes are already coming to fruition with the expansion of our fantastic Doncaster Sheffield Airport, the exciting iPort project really starting to take shape and brand new homes being built in Rossington. "It's an exemplary project and great advertisement for collaboration between the public and private sectors. Today is a great day for Doncaster and a day that benefits all of the Sheffield City Region and Yorkshire."

Steve Gill, managing director of Doncaster Sheffield Airport said: "This is truly a momentous day.

"The opening of The Great Yorkshire Way delivers greatly enhanced connectivity to the Sheffield City region's airport, placing Doncaster Sheffield Airport within minutes of the UK's major motorway network and bringing global business closer to Sheffield's £28 billion economy.

"We have already begun to see impressive planned growth as a result of the new road with increased capacity from our incumbent airlines Thomson and Wizz and new airline Aer Lingus and Flybe seeing the potential of flying from the Sheffield City Region.

Peter Nears, Strategic Planning Director, The Peel Group said: "We are proud to have invested more than 160 million in the airport and the opening of the new link road is a tribute to a strong partnership with both the public and private sectors. It is also a symbol of Peel's wider commitment to the Northern Powerhouse. This gateway to the Sheffield City Region project is truly transformational and the new road will be a huge draw to passengers, business and cargo bringing huge economic benefits to the region."

Michael Hughes, CEO of Verdion, comments: "The opening of the Great Yorkshire Way is a key milestone: the final road link that seal's iPort's strategic position in Doncaster, one of the UK's strongest logistic locations with excellent motorway links and close proximity to the Humber Ports. Seeing is believing, and now we can see the link road open, bringing the scheme that much closer to the Doncaster Sheffield Airport, and our first two speculative units being built, getting closer to completion. In addition, work has now started on the iPort Rail facility, the final piece of the intermodal picture."

Owen Michaelson, Chief Executive of Harworth Estates, said: "Great Yorkshire Way has been a long time coming and I applaud Doncaster Council in getting this delivered. The challenge now is for ourselves, Peel and Verdion to make the most of this fantastic new infrastructure and turn the area into a Northern Powerhouse demonstrator project - delivering thousands of new homes, jobs and supporting export-led growth."

Nigel Brewster, Vice Chair of Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), said: "This is excellent news for the Sheffield City Region economy and shows global investors that our City Region is an even better place to do business than ever before. The airport link road takes our City Region a step closer to delivering its vision of creating 70,000 new jobs and 6,000 new businesses over the next decade. Crucially, it makes getting into and out of the Sheffield City Region faster and easier for thousands of holiday makers and international business people who live and work here. It has already led to major new flights from Sheffield City Region to some of the biggest airport hubs in Europe including Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam."

Don Valley MP Caroline Flint said: "The idea for the link road came to life when Doncaster Sheffield Airport was given the green light. It seems strange that a few miles of road should be such a big deal. But the key to Doncaster's success is connectivity – easily getting from one place to the next. Doncaster is a gateway to the North and thanks to Great Yorkshire Way, where people go, jobs and opportunities follow. All of this, thanks to a few miles of road. Not bad."

This innovative scheme, project managed by Doncaster Council has been delivered by a unique team made from the very best of the public and private sectors. The partnership between Doncaster Council, Peel Group, Verdion and Harworth Estates plus Mott MacDonald's design and Carillion's construction expertise made this £56million road a reality.

The Peel Group, Verdion and Harworth Estates contributed £34million to the scheme to add to £18million of Regional Growth Funding with the balance met by the council. The scheme also received extensive backing from the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership, Doncaster Chamber and the business and residential communities.

Work started in October 2013 and mountains were literally moved to complete the project. Six new bridges were built, including an impressive 12 metre high structure to carry the road over the East Coast Main Line with highway embankments built by re-using a million tonnes of material from the old colliery spoil heap.

To mark the opening of Great Yorkshire Way the Vulcan flower display has been relocated from the Tudworth roundabout at the A614/A18 junction and will provide a great signpost for people travelling to Doncaster Sheffield Airport.