

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

24 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), G Finch (Peel Land and Property & Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), M McGuire (Office of Caroline Flint MP), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), Councillor C Rosling-Josephs (Sheffield City Council), A Rutherford (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), K Stow (Doncaster Sheffield Airport) and Y D Woodcock BEM (Ex-Officio)

Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-
Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council) and
Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC),
Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC),
Councillor B Mordue (Doncaster MBC), P Nears (Peel Holdings (Management Ltd)), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council) and
Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed Members to the October meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC).

Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs was welcomed to his first meeting of the ACC.

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

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst reported that it had been a significant challenge to bring home passengers stranded overseas by the Thomas Cook collapse with more than 700 flights been deployed as part of the UK's largest peacetime repatriation.

Referring to the Queen's Speech of 14th October 2019, A Tolhurst highlighted that the speech had revealed new Airline Insolvency legislation. The new legislation would enable collapsed carriers to be placed into special administration, meaning their aircraft and crew could continue flying to bring passengers back to the UK.

The purpose of the legislation would be to "protect passengers in the event of an airline going bust by reforming the insolvency process".

The Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill 2019-20 had also been announced in the Queen's Speech on 14th October 2019.

The aviation bill would provide for the effective and efficient management of the UK's airspace and provide greater enforcement powers to better enable the police to effectively tackle unlawful use of unmanned aircraft.

The Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) new decision making process for Planned and Permanent Redistribution (PPR) of air traffic proposals were due to be implemented on 1st November 2019. However, due to the liquidation of Thomas Cook, and the unprecedented scale of the repatriation programme to return its passengers to the UK, the CAA had agreed with the Government to postpone this by three months, until 1st February 2020.

In relation to the local Airspace Changes at DSA, A Tolhurst stated that he would seek confirmation if this would delay implementation of DSA's Airspace Change proposals.

Post meeting note from Rich O'Gorman, Principal ATM Consultant, Cyrrus Ltd - The announcement has no bearing on DSA's Airspace Change Proposals and will not delay the implementation. A decision is expected by the end of November 2019 and implementation via AIRAC 03/2020 (27 February 2020).

It had been announced that Flybe would be rebranded as 'Virgin Connect', following its acquisition by a Virgin Atlantic-led consortium from 2020 onwards.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 11th July 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING

i) Quarterly Newsletter

K Stow reported that she had considered Members' request for a quarterly newsletter to be produced. It was explained that, due to limited resources, the most effective method of receiving communications from DSA would be for individuals to sign-up to receive DSA's newsletter.

Members were advised that individuals could sign-up to receive the newsletter via the Fly DSA website at <http://flydsa.co.uk/get-in-touch/newsletter-signup/>

K Stow added that it was DSA's intention to produce an annual Corporate Social Responsibility Report, which was a further method of disseminating information in the local community.

Members were advised that Gareth Finch would be attending future meetings of the ACC to help answer Members' questions and improve communications with regard to the portfolio of Peel Land and Property.

It was agreed that options for "keeping Members up to date" would be discussed at a future ACC meeting.

ii) Air Transport Forum

A Tolhurst reported that he had previously made a request for the Air Transport Forum to be resurrected. He asked if an update could be provided.

K Stow acknowledged the request. She added that the Airport's Surface Access Strategy required a re-fresh.

The airport would look to re-establish the Air Transport Forum when a new Environment and Sustainability Manager had been appointed.

iii) Passengers and Taxis Parking on Estate Roads in Auckley

K Stow advised the Committee that the on-site enforcement company could not make routine visits around the local estate roads in Auckley to deter passengers and taxis from using the estate roads as a car park. This was due to the land not being owned by Peel.

Members' were advised that an express drop-off, pick-up car parking option was available at DSA, which allowed people to park outside the terminal from £3.00 for up to 15 minutes.

A Tolhurst suggested that if residents' had any further concerns regarding car parking on local estate roads, then this should be raised with their local ward councillors.

iv) Damage to Airport's Perimeter Fencing

Parish Councillor McCarron advised that the breaks in the airport's perimeter fencing had not been resolved. **ACTION: K Stow and G Finch to arrange for K Moran to visit the site with Parish Councillor McCarron.**

v) Schedule of Training Flights

Parish Councillor McCarron referred to a discussion at a previous Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee in relation to the schedule of training flights which had previously been produced and circulated to local Town and Parish Councils. She asked if an update could be provided in respect of the decision which had been made.

A Tolhurst reported that the schedule had previously been generated on potential booking enquires rather than actual confirmations, which were subject to a number of different variables.

Following discussion at the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee, Members had agreed that there was limited value in publishing the schedule due to local residents already knowing what the agreed policy is with regard to training flights.

5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

- i) Sheffield City Council had appointed Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs (in place of ex Councillor Ian Saunders).
- ii) Nottinghamshire County Council had appointed Councillor Andrew Brown (in place of Councillor Mike Quigley MBE).

6 UPDATE ON THE REVISED AIRPORT MASTERPLAN

Members were reminded that the Airport Vision and Masterplan outlined expected growth at the airport over the next twenty years.

A key component of the Vision was the addition of an airport rail station connected to the East Coast Mainline, which would significantly enhance surface access to the airport.

K Stow and G Finch provided Members with a confidential update on the work currently taking place with key partners (Doncaster MBC, Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership, Network Rail and Transport for the North) to progress delivery of a new station at the airport.

Councillor Rosling-Josephs commented that, Sheffield residents had voiced that they wanted rail connectivity from Sheffield to DSA.

K Stow stated that a Sheffield City Council transport representative was currently not represented on the Board of key partners.

Councillor Rosling-Josephs asked that a request be sent to Sheffield City Council by the airport to nominate a representative.

M Di Salvatore asked if the Vision Plan could be shared in order for her to understand the economic benefits for West Lindsey.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with K Stow and M Di Salvatore outside of today's meeting.

G Finch provided Members with an overview of the work currently being carried out by Peel Land and Property in respect of progressing several of the key aspirations set out in the Airport Masterplan.

The following key points were noted:

- Consent for the development of a 6,000 ft. of light industrial premises had recently been approved.
- A plot of land had also been purchased for the development of a hotel.

- A planning application would shortly be submitted to Doncaster MBC to develop two plots of land for airport car parking.
- The development of the Community Sports Facility at Hayfield Green was currently taking place. The site contractor was scheduled to leave the site in November with final completion scheduled for Spring 2020.

Y Woodcock asked if there would be any additional schools built in the proposed residential area.

G Finch replied that an area had identified within the residential area for primary school provision.

RESOLVED – That the updates be noted.

7 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

K Stow provided the Committee with a verbal update on Airport activities.

The following key points were noted:-

- TUI had announced that they would be further expanding their operations at DSA by adding an extra aircraft to its base at the airport, starting flying in summer 2020.

Two new routes, Fuerteventura and Heraklion would be added on top of the recently announced services to Mexico and Girona, along with additional days of operation to ten destinations including Ibiza, Larnaca, Reus, Malaga, Lanzarote, Turkey, Mallorca, Tenerife and Zante, bringing the total number of destinations offered by TUI to 31 destinations from DSA.

The new aircraft was expected to deliver an additional 136,000 extra seats to DSA, taking TUI to four aircrafts based at the airport.

- There were no current plans for Flybe or Virgin Connect to continue flying from DSA.

DSA were disappointed that they would be losing the Belfast and Amsterdam services, which would be difficult for the airport to replace.

- In the current financial year (2019/20), DSA were expecting over 1.4m passengers to travel through DSA, representing its busiest year. In the 2020/21 financial year, DSA were anticipating passenger growth in a very difficult economic sector.

A Bosmans commented that he welcomed TUI's recent announcement. He queried if there was capacity and human resource within the terminal building to be able to process additional passengers. He stated that passengers' had already stated that there had often been long queues at check-in and at the arrivals immigration area.

In response, K Stow stated that the terminal building could accommodate 2.8m passengers. It was noted that a five year business plan was currently been developed to take account of expansion in the terminal building which included the expansion of the immigration area.

As part of TUI's Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the airport the issue regarding the provision of check-in agents would be resolved. Furthermore, as part of the terminal building's expansion, the airport would look to invest in automatic bag drop technology.

Councillor McCarron asked if Wizz Air would be basing two new aircrafts at DSA.

K Stow stated that Wizz Air was one of two most likely carriers to grow at DSA in future years. It was confirmed that no announcement from Wizz Air was expected this year, until Brexit had been announced and the company had considered all the potential implications.

8 UPDATE ON THE HERITAGE MEMORIAL PROJECT

A Tolhurst provided Members with an overview of the work being carried out by the Heritage Memorial Project Sub-Group to develop a timeline of critical development points in the development of the airport site.

It was proposed that the timeline would be located in the terminal building and be in place by the end of March 2020.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 19th September 2019 be noted.

10 SCHEDULE OF 2020 MEETING DATES

RESOLVED – That future meetings of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on:-

Thursday 30th January 2020 (AGM and Ordinary)
Thursday 23rd April 2020
Thursday 16th July 2020
Thursday 15th October 2020

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am, in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport, unless stated otherwise.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Official Opening of the new Community Sports Facility at Hayfield Green

Y Woodcock asked if she could receive an invite to the official opening of the new community sports facility.

Following discussion, Members' recommended that Auckley Parish Council be invited to produce a note setting out proposed attendance at the official opening and any other special requests.

K Stow requested that the recommendations from Auckley Parish Council be submitted to herself and G Finch by 10 November 2019. These would then be forwarded onto Delyse Bailey at Peel Land and Property.

ii) Holy Family Catholic Church, Finningley

G Finch informed Members that Peel Land and Property had responded to a number of requests from various groups regarding the on-going sale of the above property, which was no longer considered to be a Peel asset.

It was noted that the property had been sold to a recruitment firm, with the sale expected to be completed by the end of November 2019.

iii) Airport's Bright Futures School Engagement Programme

A Rutherford asked if Opportunity Doncaster had been involved in the Airport's Bright Futures School Engagement programme.

K Stow reported that the airport had received a number of requests to attend skills events, but had not been involved in Opportunity Doncaster.

iv) Flooding at the Junction of Hayfield Lane

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if the airport had been made aware of the recent flooding at the junction of Hayfield Lane.

G Finch reported that he was aware of this problem and was currently making enquires with Doncaster MBC to resolve the issue.

v) Airport Ambassadors

A Bosmans reported that he had received an invite from the Director of Bournemouth Airport to visit the Airport to discuss the role carried out by Airport Ambassadors.

He reported that, following the visit, there were a number of ideas which could be implemented at DSA with virtually no cost, to enhance the overall passenger experience at DSA.

vi) RAF Finningley Station Flag

On behalf of the FODSA historian, A Bosmans queried if anyone knew the whereabouts of RAF Finningley's Station Flag. He understood that the RAF wished to reclaim the flag.

A Tolhurst suggested that FODSA contact Wing Commander Mike Butler, who may be able to provide clarity.

vii) ACC Visit to the National Police Service (NPAS) Hangar

A Tolhurst asked if arrangements could be made for Members to visit the National Police Service (NPAS) Hangar at the conclusion of a future meeting.
ACTION: K Stow to liaise with Tom Henshaw.

viii) ACC Visit to the Cargo Hangar

A Tolhurst asked if arrangements could also be made for Members to visit the Cargo Hangar at the conclusion of a future meeting. **ACTION: K Stow to make arrangements with Amira El-khrouf.**

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary meeting of the ACC be held on Thursday 30th January 2020 commencing at 10:00 am in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR