

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING

30 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), S Buckley (Doncaster Chamber), Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), G Finch (Peel Land and Property & Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), C Hall (Doncaster MBC), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), M Sewell (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), D Thomas (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 J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), Councillor B Mordue (Doncaster MBC) and Councillor C Rosling-Josephs (Sheffield City Council)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 24th October 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Damage to Airport's Perimeter Fencing

Parish Councillor McCarron reported that breaks in the airport's perimeter fencing had still not been resolved. It was noted that Parish Councillor McCarron had visited the site with A Dutton at the conclusion of the Noise Monitoring and

Environmental Sub-Committee held on 5th December 2019 where a series of photographs had been taken of the damage. **ACTION: G Finch and D Thomas to discuss with A Dutton.**

ii) ACC Member Visits to the National Police Service (NPAS) Hangar and Cargo Hangar

K Stow reported that a series of dates would be circulated shortly to obtain Members' availability to visit the NPAS Hangar and Cargo Hangar. **ACTION: S Farrell via A Shirt.**

5 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

K Stow was pleased to inform the Committee that the UK Aviation Minister, Paul Maynard, MP would be visiting DSA later today, as the airport announced a £10m redevelopment plan for the terminal building.

It was noted that the £10m was made up from a loan of £5m, secured from the Sheffield City Region's Local Growth Fund. The remaining £5m had been secured from the Peel Group.

The £10m terminal investment programme included a number of improvements and new facilities, including the expansion of the retail food and beverage offering, new gate bridges to the apron (including one for passengers with reduced mobility) and an expansion of the arrivals hall and central security search area including the introduction of new technology to improve passenger processing. It was noted that several of the proposed improvements were scheduled to be completed for Summer 2021.

Members were made aware that, as part of the Government's Regional Connectivity Review, DSA would be sharing its plans with the Aviation Minister how DSA could support Government strategy to level up the North.

It was highlighted that there was the potential to unlock 33,000 gross jobs over the next 10 years - 10,000 of them within the next 5 years, in engineering, manufacturing aviation, energy and construction.

The Aviation Minister would also be briefed on the plans for the East Coast Mainline Station scheme into the airport site which would significantly extend the airport's public transport catchment area. The scheme offers exceptional value for money with a 22:1 return on investment. The scheme was deliverable within the next five years.

Members were informed that the DSA would be shortly embarking on producing a Sustainability Strategy for the airport to become net zero carbon. DSA would be working with the Sheffield City Region's (SCR) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) on its plans as part of the Strategic Economic Plan for the city region.

The leakage from passenger car journeys to other airports would also be investigated. By levelling-up the under-provision of airlines seats in Yorkshire, there was the potential to save up to 80 million road miles and c23,000 tonnes of CO2 which

currently result from surface leakage, which could be clawed back if capacity could be provided at DSA.

G Finch added that, CAA data stated that 3.6m passengers from the South Yorkshire region were flying from other UK airports. 1.7m passengers from the region were flying from Manchester Airport each year. This amounted to 30 million vehicle miles over the course of a year, creating 8,500 tonnes of carbon.

In response to Members' questions around employment opportunities and job creation on-site, K Stow informed Members that, job creation needed to happen in a responsible and sustainable manner and in a partnership approach with DSA and occupiers on-site to develop a local talent pool.

Councillor Cooper commented that, in terms of future job opportunities, he did not wish to see recruitment limited to low-level jobs.

K Stow re-emphasised that the airport could not undertake this task independently; they required the support of the SCR, partners, schools, universities and colleges. Additionally, the airport had been speaking with Nick Fletcher MP about skilled jobs and apprenticeships. The creation of 10,000 jobs within the next 5 years was realistic, provided that everyone works together.

It was suggested that a presentation be made by Jenacon at a future ACC meeting in relation to the work they are undertaking on behalf of the airport with regards to employment opportunities at the airport and wider site.

Members were informed that the airport was currently working with a consultant, Doncaster MBC and Sheffield City Region on plans to bid to become a freeport at DSA. This followed Boris Johnson's announcement last year, that Government was planning to create up to ten freeports across the UK after Brexit.

If DSA's bid was successful, it would allow firms to import goods and then re-export them outside normal tax and customs rules.

In relation to the Heritage Memorial Project, K Stow reported that she had recently met with Peter Nears who had expressed an interest in the work being undertaken by the Sub-Group.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 UKACCS PAPER ON LAND USE PLANNING AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

A Tolhurst introduced a paper that was presented at the UKACC's Annual Meeting last year on the issue of planning and noise which highlighted a bespoke noise policy that Crawley Borough Council, the local planning authority for Gatwick had in place to try to prevent residential development in noise sensitive areas close to the airport.

A Tolhurst asked if Doncaster MBC had any bespoke Local Plan policies specific to noise and flooding for areas close to the airport.

C Hall reported that Doncaster MBC's Local Plan would be submitted to Government for examination in February 2020. Currently, there was no justification for bespoke noise and flooding policies for areas close to the airport.

In response to Members' questions, it was explained that Doncaster MBC did consider cumulative land use when considering new planning applications and not just site specific applications. Applications would also be considered on their own merit.

G Finch referred to the planning application for the extension of the terminal building. He confirmed that updated information had been submitted to Doncaster MBC with regards to surface water drainage, which would be directed via the airport's existing water system.

A Tolhurst asked if there had been any problems around the airport arising from the relaxation of permitted development rights.

M Sewell replied that he was not aware of any problems being report to Doncaster MBC following the relaxation of permitted development rights.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

7 SUGGESTIONS FOR BRIEFINGS AND VISITS IN 2020

A Tolhurst asked Members if they had any suggestions for future briefings and visits.

The following areas were suggested by Members:-

- Briefing by Jenoccon on the work they are carrying out with regards to employment opportunities at the airport and wider site
- Briefing from Redline Security
- Briefing from the Airport's Fire Station
- Update from Ian Smith on DSA's performance in relation to the global Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey.
- Visit to the 2Excel Aviation Hangar
- Visit to NPAS Hangar (Arrangements being made for Members to visit)
- Visit to Cargo Hangar (Arrangements being made for Members to visit)

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2019

Parish Councillor McCarron highlighted that, at the meeting held on 5th December 2019, it had been agreed that a simplified briefing note / map on DSA's Airspace changes would be produced to help Members to communicate the changes to their local communities. **ACTION: D Thomas to discuss with R Cooke at Cyrrus.**

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 5th December 2019 be noted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Environment and Sustainability Manager Post, DSA

G Finch reported that the draft job description for the Environment and Sustainability Manager vacancy was currently being developed to cover both airside, landside and sustainability.

ii) Mayflower 400th Anniversary – 2020 Celebrations

Councillor Greenhalgh provided the Committee with an update on the work taking place locally to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower later this year.

Discussions had taken place with K Stow regarding a possible exhibition in the Airport's terminal building featuring a 12ft scale model of the Mayflower.

iii) Opportunities Doncaster and the Doncaster Promise

S Buckley provided the Committee with an overview of Opportunities Doncaster and the Doncaster Promise agreement.

iv) Linkages with the Advanced Manufacturing Park (AMP), Rotherham

In response to a question from A Tolhurst, G Finch confirmed that there had previously been a good working relationship with the AMP. The University of Sheffield had recently appointed a new President and Vice-Chancellor, which the airport envisaged re-building a new working relationship with.

v) Vulcan Visitor Centre

G Finch reported that the airport had acquired a plot of land located north to the airport site for the Vulcan to the Sky Trust to develop their own building when they are in a position to commit.

vi) Concrete Blocks – Old Bawtry Road

G Finch reported that the concrete blocks on Old Bawtry Road had now been re-located onto Peel's land.

vii) Partnership Working

Councillor Franklin reflected upon today's meeting. He stated that there needed to be good dialogue with Sheffield City Region and Network Rail regarding connectivity on the East Coast Mainline.

viii) Highways Signage to DSA

County Councillor Pearson reported that the highways signage from the M18 was confusing, due to signage stating that the 'airport' was straight on. If followed, passengers would arrive at Humberside airport.

It was also stated that there was no signage to direct passengers to DSA from the North or South on the M1 motorway.

G Finch acknowledge Members' concerns. He added that, some of the road signage referred to 'Robin Hood Airport' and in some cases it was directionally wrong.

The airport would need to work with several district councils and Highways England to try and resolve.

ix) Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (FODSA) Airport Ambassadors

A Bosmans reported that FODSA would shortly be meeting with the airport to discuss Ambassador rotation in the winter period and the potential of an increased budget to be able to provide an increased Ambassador service during the summer period.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the ACC be held on Thursday 23rd April 2020 at 10:00 am, in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR