

Monday 9th July 2018 – 13.00hrs. Putteridge Bury Conference Centre

Members

Mr M Routledge	Chairman
Cllr M Muir	Vice Chairman North Herts District Council
Cllr M Dolling	Luton Borough Council
Mr M Nidd	LLATVCC
Cllr J Timmis	Dacorum Borough Council
Cllr R Berry	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr D Bowater	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr D Barnard	Hertfordshire County Council
Mr A Lambourne	LADACAN (substitute)
Mr J Hale	STAQS
Mrs L Greet	Breachwood Green Society
Mr D Healey	NATS
Cllr N Glover	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr A Wright	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr J Wilkinson	BMKALC (sub)
Cllr C Duran	Hertfordshire Association of Parish & Town Councils
Cllr D Godfrey	PAIN
Laura Church	LBC
Mr G Gayle	Airport Union Representative

Officers Representing

Mr N Thompson	LLAOL Operations Director
Mr J Dontas	LLAOL Flight Operations Manager
Ms A Morton	LLAL (sub)
Mr B Timmins	LLAOL Airspace Performance Officer
Ms L Aspite	LLAOL Environment Manager
Darl Sweetland	Buckinghamshire County Council
Mr P Donovan	Hertfordshire County Council
Ms J Woof	St Albans City and District Council
Lindsey Vallis	Aylesbury Vale District Council
Mr R Porter	LLAL
Francis Whittaker	Officer Dacorum Borough Council

Noise Consultant & Secretariat

Mr J Charles	Bickerdike Allen Partners
Mrs P Harris	Committee Administrator

1.0 Apologies for absence and substitution

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr N Barton - LLAOL (CEO)
 Officer - Stevenage Borough Council
 Mr K Besgrove - Harrods Aviation
 Mr S Shearer - Cargo Operators
 Ms Sophie Dekkers – EasyJet
 Sir B Stanier - Aylesbury Vale District Council
 Mr Justin Richardson - Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce
 Cllr R Drewsbury – Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils
 Cllr Roma Mills – St Albans Borough Council
 Ms L Attrup – LADACAN
 Mr M Ryles - Airline Representative (Wizz)
 Ms A Gackowska –LLAL
 Mrs R Webb – BMKALC
 Miss N Morris - LLAOL Community Noise Officer
 Mr N Bradford - LLAOL Stakeholder Communications Manager
 Mrs S Hollingsworth - STAQS
 Mr D Gurtler - Luton Borough Council
 Cllr J Gardner Stevenage Borough Council
 Ms G Davies Central Bedfordshire Council
 Ms L Symes - North Herts District Council

1.2 The Chairman welcomed attendees to the Summer Meeting

2.0 Presentation By LLAL

2.1 LLAL presented their pre-statutory consultation entitled ‘Future Luton – Making best use of our runway’ (copy attached), and advised that roadshows had been arranged at various locations within the surrounding communities. However it was highlighted by members that some communities had been missed including Pitstone and the Aylesbury Vale area. LLAL accepted the point raised and undertook to look at adding additional locations to ensure maximum coverage. Concerns were also raised regarding the timings for the events as they appeared to fall within the school holidays and it was felt this is would not attract maximum attendance. LLAL advised that generally best practice was to have an 8-week consultation period, however they had extended the consultation period to 10 weeks and would be at 17 different locations within the surrounding area to take account of the holiday period and maximise coverage.

LLAL also confirmed that they had now signed the contract for the Luton DART which would transport passengers from Luton Parkway to the Airport Terminal in around 3 minutes. It was expected that the project would be complete by late Spring 2021.

LLAL informed that further information would become available as the process evolved and members noted that a scoping exercise on future expansion would commence later this year.

LLAL added that they were keen to receive feedback and comments on their proposals from all stakeholders.

3.0 Minutes and Matters arising from the LLACC Meeting 23 April 2018

- 3.1** Members noted the minutes from 22nd January 2018 and agreed these as a correct record of the meeting. The Administrator undertook to publish the minutes on the website following one small amendment:

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- Page 2/4 (first para last line) Fly 100 strategy should read flight level strategy.

4.0 Report on the Noise & Track Sub Committee 13th June 2018

- 4.1** Members were advised that the NTSC had met on the 13th June and that data for the first Quarter of 2018 was reviewed. The meeting discussed in detail the content of the quarterly report and noted that passenger numbers had increased by 1% but that total traffic movements decreased by 1.7; total movements in the night period had increased by 10% but those in the early morning period had decreased by 7% when compared to the same period last year. Members suggested that the actual increase in numbers should be reported rather than percentages as this would give members a better understanding of actual quantity of increases or decreases.

Members noted that CDA compliance at Luton remained extremely good and was currently running at about 90% of all arrivals.

Noise monitor results remained consistent with previous quarters with most departure noise levels being in the range of 70 to 76 dB L_{Amax}. The total number of recorded departure noise events of 80 dB and above was 61 for daytime and 4 for night time; this represented a slight improvement on the same period last year when the figures had been 64 and 7 respectively. There were no noise violations recorded during the period. Members noted that the night noise contour area had increased by 10% for the period.

The airport had continued to issue fines for departure track violations – 12 were issued during the period and related primarily to poor track keeping. It was noted that 99.5% of all aircraft had flown on track.

Members noted that complaints had decreased from 1731 in Q1 last year to 1310 for this period. The number of complainants had also decreased to 111 compared to 148 and the number of new complainants was 24 opposed to 52 in the same quarter last year. Members questioned the large number of complaints from Kensworth, which the Airport felt was due to the prolonged period of easterly operations in the quarter.

Members were advised that the Night quota total for the preceding 12 months was 8,311 against a limit of 9,650 and for the early morning shoulder activity was 5,893 against a limit of 7,000.

There had been detailed discussion of the format of the noise monitoring results; the impact of temporary unserviceability of noise monitors on the overall contour analysis; and the year on year comparison prepared by LADACAN. The Noise

Consultants had confirmed the impact of unserviceable monitors on the noise contours had been negligible and the Airport, who had not previously seen the LADACAN paper, agreed to consider the analysis which would be discussed further at a future NTSC meeting.

4.2 LLAOL had updated NTSC members on a number of items including:

Airspace Design Update - LLAOL briefed on the continuing design work of Luton's westerly departure routes and informed that the latest designs would be discussed with the focus Group in early July. LLAOL added that that ongoing discussions with NATS, would also so be reported in July. LLAOL confirmed that no changes would be implemented until further study, public consultation, and trials had been completed in accordance with CAA requirements.

Noise Action Plan - LLAOL advised they had issued the draft Noise Action Plan 2019 – 2023 for comment.

DfT Focus Groups – LLAOL advised on the setting up by DfT of four Focus Groups, attended by key stakeholders, which LLAOL would attend. Group titles were:

- Growth, Noise Reduction, and overall Government Policy,
- Noise Compliance and Enforcement,
- Airspace Modernisation Governance,
- Noise Compensation and Mitigation.

4.3 The published AMR 2017 was discussed and the lack of any comment regarding Condition 10 was queried.

5.0 Report on PSSC – 13 June 2018

5.1 The Chairman advised members that the PSSC had visited the airport on the 13th June for a tour of the facilities and were taken through the entire passenger experience.

Feedback was very positive from all those who attended; in particular the PSSC had commented on the professional and personable nature of all the Airport staff they had met during the tour and the palpably good relationship between the Airport and Border Force.

6.0 Airport Updates

6.1 Members noted that the second quarter 2018 had started strong and that LLAOL were forecasting passenger growth of +4.0% for 2018 to around 16.5million passengers.

6.2 Project Curium works continued to progress well with the opening of Pier B; the majority of the new commercial units; the new ground floor arrivals area; and the new temporary drop of zone (this was key to allow works to commence on LBC's DART rail project). LLAOL advised that the majority of the substantial works would be finished by the end of October. Members were also advised that works had commenced on the second multi-storey car park.

- 6.3 LLAOL informed that on the 26th June, Ardian the 49% shareholder of LLAOL sold its stake to AMP Capital. LLAOL stated that they did not expect this to be anything other than positive for the Airport.
- 6.4 LLAOL brief on the recent strike ballot by staff at the airport and the potential of strike action by the PRM provider in mid July and the handling agent Menzies in late July. LLAOL informed that if strike action was taken they would be supporting the providers to help keep their operations running.
- 6.5 Members noted that OTP for the past 3 months had shown a decrease of 10% year on year in the number of aircraft that departed within 15 minute of their scheduled departure time.
- 6.6 Security queue times – a slight increase in queue times across all percentiles had been seen in the 2nd quarter to 13 minutes in 90 percentile , 10 minutes in the 75th percentile and 5 minutes in the 50th percentile. LLAOL informed that additional security lanes would be operational for the summer.
- 6.7 Immigration also continued to perform consistently well during the period with queue times of 29 minutes in the 90th percentile, 13 minutes in the 75th percentile and 7 minutes in the 50th percentile (resulting in a 1minute increase in both the 50th and 90th percentiles).
- 6.8 Flight Operations – LLAOL briefed on the recent Airspace Change Focus Group meeting and the proposed 6 options. LLAOL were to meet with NATS to review the 6 options and their respective challenges and assess all elements which would then be taken back to the Focus Group.

Some concerns were raised regarding the timing of the Focus Group Meeting and stressed the need to ensure that as many of the Group as possible could attend future meetings. There was also a suggestion that the Group should have an independent facilitator for their meetings and that presentations should be sent out prior to the meetings to allow due consideration by stakeholder groups. LLAOL agreed to take all of these comments in to consideration for the next Airspace Change Focus Group meeting.

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- 6.9 LLAOL briefed regarding the Noise Action Plan and informed that from a consultation of 49 only 9 responses had been received. LLAOL informed that there had been some very valid feedback from consultees and they had adjusted the NAP accordingly. LLAOL also informed that they would reissue the draft for a further 2 week consultation to give people another opportunity to comment before going to DEFRA.
- 6.10 Members questioned the current status of the Surface Action Plan. LLAOL advised that it was currently with the CEO for sign off and would be issued in a few weeks. Members noted that while the Plan might be suitable for the current expansion plans, if the LLAL aspirations for future growth were to be fulfilled then an in depth consideration of future Surface Access would be required.

7.0 LBC Reports

- 7.1 Luton Borough Council Report - Members noted the LBC report and briefing given by Ms Church which included comment on a study regarding the East Luton Corridor which had been undertaken with Central Bedfordshire and North Herts Councils; of note, Central Bedfordshire was looking to take forward a proposed link between the M1 and A6.

- 7.2 LBC also commented on the Surface Access Strategy which included: significant road works impacting on Vauxhall Way, Kimpton Road and Eaton Green Road; potential solutions to grid lock arising from issues on the M1; and the Airport and East Luton Corridor Project.

8.0 Correspondence Received since April 2018

- 81 There was no correspondence recorded.

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Independent Noise Consultant – a paper had been submitted by LADACAN regarding the independent noise consultancy resource for LLACC; this was discussed at some length. BAP informed that they were totally independent and that they reported only on technical matters and various policies. It was noted that the Committee had previously agreed that BAP could fulfil a dual role acting for both the Committee and LLAOL without a conflict of interest. Suggestion was made that it would be useful to define BAP's role for LLACC and the Chairman proposed that this should be produced for discussion at the next NTSC.

- 9.2 No further business was discussed, and the meeting closed.

Date of Next Meetings

- LLACC - 22nd October 2018
NTSC - 3rd September 2018
PSSC - 3rd September 2018