

Minutes
**Meeting of Noise & Track Sub Committee
13th June 2018**

Attendees		
Mr M Routledge		LLACC Chairman
Mr J Charles		Bickerdike Allen Partners
Ms L Attrup		LADACAN
Mr M Nidd		LLATVCC
Cllr D Bowater		Central Bedfordshire Council
Ms G Davies		Central Bedfordshire Council
Ms N Morris		Community Noise Officer
Cllr B Read (sub)		St Albans District Council
Mr N Thompson		LLAOL – Operations Director
Mr J Dontas		LLAOL – Flight Operations Manager
Mr D Godfrey		PAIN
Cllr J Timmis		Dacorum Borough Council
Cllr T Heritage		Hertfordshire County Council
Mr N Bradford		LLAOL - Stakeholder Communications Manager,
Mr D Gurtler		LBC
Mr D Healey		NATS
Cllr M Muir		North Hertfordshire District Council
Mr B Warren		Aylesbury Vale District Council
Mr B Timmins		Airspace Performance Officer
1.0	Apologies for absence and substitution	Action
1.1	Mr G Breeze – PAIN Mr A Lavender – DHL Mr J Mint – DHL	
2.0	Minutes and Matters Arising from 14th March 2018	
2.1	Item 4.2 – Members questioned if LLAOL had been in contract with the London Gliding Club regarding details in relation to the Airspace Change proposals. LLAOL advised that they had yet to speak with them but would be doing so soon as they were a statutory consultee.	
2.2	Item 4.3 – LLAOL advised that work was still ongoing with regard to Condition 10 (area of future noise contours).	
2.3	Item 5.1 - LLAOL informed that the NADP Study was ongoing, and would be reported to the NTSC at a future meeting.	
2.4	Item 7.1 – Members discussed the monthly track plot for August 2017 submitted by Andrew Lambourne that suggested the deviations from the centre line were	

	not just Cargo aircraft related as previously stated. LLAOL advised that they would review the plots further.	
2.5	The minutes were agreed and the Administrator undertook to have them published on the website.	Admin
3.0	LLAOL Quarterly Environment Report for January to March 2018	
3.1	Members reviewed and discussed the Quarterly Monitoring report in detail. Members noted that the total passenger numbers had increased by 1% but that total movements had decreased by 1.7%. Nevertheless, the total movements in the night period, 23.00 to 07.00, had increased by 10% from those in the same quarter last year. However, the early morning, 06.00 to 07.00, movements were 7% fewer than those in the first quarter last year. The airlines had achieved 90% Continuous Descent Approaches for the period which was an improvement of 2% when compared with the same period the previous year.	
3.2	The noise monitor results showed the majority of departures still produced noise levels in the range 70-76 dB L_{Amax} . For the 1 st quarter, 61 daytime departures and 4 night-time departures were registered at 80 dB and above. Last year the comparable counts were 64 and 7. There were no noise violations during the daytime or night-time period. Members noted that the night-time noise contour area had increased, by 10%.	
3.3	The Airport had issued track violation fines, and in this quarter 12 aircraft departures were fined due to poor track keeping. Members noted that over 99.5% of aircraft flew on track.	
3.4	The number of complaints had decreased from 1731 in last first quarter to 1310 in the same period this year. The number of complainants was fewer too with 111 as opposed to 148 and the number of new complainants was 24; in the same quarter in 2017 the number was higher at 52. Complaints about westerly departures still formed the largest % of complaints however members did note the increase in the number of complaints from Kensworth and that this was probably due to the increase in easterly operations during the quarter.	
3.5	The runway use for the quarter was 61% westerly.	
3.6	The limit on early morning shoulder activity (12 month movements) had not been breached with the total for the preceding 12 months being 5,893 (limit 7,000). The rolling limit on night quota activity (23.30-06.00) is set at 9,650 and the total for the preceding 12 months was 8,311.	
3.7	The Airport had held Public surgeries in Ivinghoe and Markyate. The Airport had also held meetings with Heidi Allen MP and local residents of Childwickbury and Redbourn.	
3.8	The committee discussed the unusually high number of complaints from Kensworth, aircraft movement trends and the format of the noise monitoring results (Sections 4.1 and 4.2). The Year on Year comparisons prepared by	

	<p>LADACAN were discussed, but because these had not been shared sufficiently far beforehand with the Airport or other members it was decided to revisit them at the next NTSC meeting.</p> <p>Some members also sought clarification on what action was being taken to reduce the use of the noisier aircraft. LLAOL advised that they will be putting a ban on all QC2 aircraft from next year and had taken steps as previously outlined to remain compliant with the planning conditions.</p>	
4.0	Airport Updates	
4.1	<p>Airspace Design Update - LLAOL reported on the continuing design work on Luton's westerly departure routes and advised that the latest designs would be discussed with the Focus Group in early July. LLAOL informed that ongoing discussions with NATS, would also so be reported in July.</p> <p>LLAOL confirmed that no changes would be implemented until further study, public consultation, and trials had been completed in accordance with CAA requirements.</p> <p>LLAOL also confirmed the they were currently only looking at the Match route as part of this airspace design process.</p>	
4.2	<p>Noise Action Plan - LLAOL advised they had issued the draft Noise Action Plan 2019 – 2023 for comment. LLAOL informed that LLACC members and the Flight Operations community are being consulted and feedback via an online survey was open until 29th June. The Chairman noted that the Committee had been engaged in the original NAP but that for this revision it was felt that individual organisations should respond as a collective response was unlikely to accurately reflect the views of all contributing parties.</p>	
4.3	<p>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 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth, Noise Reduction, and overall Government Policy, • Noise Compliance and Enforcement, • Airspace Modernisation Governance, • Noise Compensation and Mitigation. 	
5.0	Any Other Business	
5.1	<p>Embraer 190 E2 Passenger Jet (97 – 114 seats) – members were advised that this passenger transport had recently completed formal noise certification testing. This indicated, similarly to the re-engined Airbus A320, a useful reduction in departure noise from the type it was likely to replace.</p>	
5.2	<p>AMR 2017 - The published document was discussed briefly and members queried the lack of inclusion of comment regarding Condition 10.</p>	
5.3	<p>London Heathrow Expansion - Members were advised of the publication of the proposed Airports National Policy Statement on 5th June 2018, and related publications on that day.</p>	

6.0	Date for Meetings in 2018 - All Meeting will be held at Putteridge Bury Conference Centre.	
	LLACC 9 th July 2018 LLACC 22 nd October 2018 NTSC - 3 rd September 2018 – 14:00 hrs (please note the date change) NTSC - 19 th December 2018 – 14:00 hrs	