

SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE

Friday, 12 October 2018 (2:00 pm – 2:41 pm)

Godfrey Olson (Chairman)  
Councillor David Airey (Vice-Chair)  
Richard Ward (Hon Secretary)

Members Present:

Councillor Spiros Vassiliou	Southampton City Council
Councillor Lorna Fielker	Southampton City Council
Councillor Sharon Mintoff	Southampton City Council
Councillor Ray Dean	Eastleigh Borough Council
Councillor J S Neal	Test Valley Borough Council
Councillor Laurence Ruffell	Winchester City Council
Councillor Janice Asman	West End Parish Council
Nigel Smith	Tourism South East
Diane Sebon	Townhill Park Residents Association
Mr G Wilkinson	SPECTRUM
Phil Dominey	South Western Railway
Ross Macdonald	National Air Traffic Services
Neil Garwood	Southampton Airport
Ray Fairhall	Border Force
Nigel Spence	Southampton Airport
Steve Thurston	Southampton Airport

Deputies Present:

Councillor Richard Izard	Winchester City Council
Councillor Anne Dean	Bishopstoke Parish Council

Apologies:

Councillor Floss Mitchell	Hampshire County Council
Councillor Paul Bicknell	Eastleigh Borough Council
Councillor Jan Warwick	Winchester City Council
Councillor Sue Toher	Bishopstoke Parish Council
Mark Millar	Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Steve Brine MP	Winchester Parliamentary constituency
Mims Davies MP	Eastleigh Parliamentary Constituency
Caroline Nokes MP	Romsey and Southampton North Parliamentary Constituency
Royston Smith MP	Southampton Itchen
Alan Whitehead MP	Southampton Test Parliamentary Constituency

16. MINUTES

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 18 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

It was noted that the minutes from the meeting held on 8 June 2018 had not yet been formally agreed; these would be considered at the next meeting.

#### 17. AIRPORT MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Neil Garwood, Managing Director, presented his report which covered the period of May to August 2018.

Passenger numbers had seen a slight decrease compared to the same period in 2017. The two main reasons for this were that there had been less aircraft movements this year and that there had been the withdrawal of a BMI flying route to Munich. Whilst there had been less aircraft movements, overall the aircrafts generally had higher numbers of passengers on them.

Southampton International Airport had received an award for Best Use of Technology at the South Coast Business Awards on 13 July 2018. The company was praised for the use of the innovative ornithopter, Robird, which was used to deter real birds away from the airport and avoid bird strikes.

This summer had seen the launch of the first flight to Greece by FlyLolo which had been successful and they looked forward to next year and some other new routes to locations that the airport had not served before.

Councillor Bruce Tennent, Mayor of Eastleigh, had visited the airport to support and pilot the new citizenAID course. A number of companies such as Carnival UK and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance were given training on how to manage a situation when a significant incident occurred and how to administer First Aid before the emergency services arrived at the scene.

Flybe had significantly boosted frequency to its 2018-19 winter schedule on five of its key routes from Southampton; together with an extra 28 return flights over the busy October and February 291 half terms and peak festive season to Belfast City, Edinburgh and Manchester. In total, Flybe's 2019 winter schedule from Southampton featured 20 routes with a choice of up to 237 flights a week.

The airport now had two engineering apprentices in post, which was positive and provided invaluable experience.

On Sunday 24 June 2018 the airport hosted yet another successful Runway Run; this was the most successful year yet with 700 runners that had taken part and raised money for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

The airport continued to use Social Media to provide updates and communicate with customers.

#### 18. NOISE ACTION PLAN AND NOISE DESK SYSTEM

Nigel Spence, Airside Assurance Manager, advised that the Noise Action Plan was with DEFRA and had been submitted before the August 2018 deadline.

The Plan was required to be approved by DEFRA and once approved, should be published before Easter 2019.

Fourteen noise complaints had been received from May to August 2018 which was a substantial reduction to the same period of 2017, when 26 complaints had been received. Complaints were reported from Bitterne, Bishopstoke, Colden Common, Eastleigh, Hythe, Shawford, Townhill Park and Winchester. Complaints had been investigated and some investigations were ongoing.

Nigel apologised on behalf of the Airport for an engine ground run that was completed on a Sunday due to urgent repairs required to an aircraft; they had tried to ensure this did not need to happen however on this occasion it would have affected the flight programme quite dramatically if it had not taken place.

There had been some recent press in relation to aircraft noise and flight paths, which had been responded to by the Head of Aerodrome Operations.

There was new equipment in place which looked at noise preferred route deviations; a demonstration would be given at the next meeting. The equipment had found nine deviations across a four month reporting period. Three had been investigated and reviewed with Air Traffic and the Airlines in question. One investigation was still ongoing. There were often suitable reasons as to why the aircraft had deviated, for instance in one case a light aircraft was in flight and the commercial aircraft had to divert to avoid a collision.

On 30 July 2018, new legislation had been introduced in relation to drones. It was illegal to fly a drone within 1km of an aerodrome boundary unless specific permission had been given by the airport. It was also illegal to fly a drone above 400ft. NATS had produced an application which drone operations could use to find danger zones. A further piece of legislation was due to be published in November 2019 which would require all drones to be registered.

Southampton International Airport had set up a new website which included a drone notification form for operations and was working to ensure safeguarding was in place. In addition, in collaboration with Hampshire Police, they would be producing 'no fly zone' posters for local parks.

#### 19. UPDATE ON MASTERPLAN

Neil Garwood, Managing Director, provided an update on the progress since the consultation on the Master Plan had commenced in September 2018.

Two public consultation sessions had been held and there were two further sessions planned; one in Bitterne Park and one at the Airport. Over 100 members of the public had attended the sessions so far.

In addition, a briefing was held with members of Eastleigh Borough Council and a live Question and Answer session was held on Twitter.

160 consultation responses had been received on the website to date and 73% of these were positive and 27% negative comments. The responses would be consolidated into key themes to enable the Airport to feedback key

commitments for the final master plan. The wider feedback through other channels would also be taken into account; however the website was the only route of submitting a formal response. The consultation period would close on 30 October 2018.

20. MONITORING OF THE FLYING CONTROLS AGREEMENT

There had been no reported breaches of the agreement.

21. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK

The minutes of the most recent meeting of the Technical Working Group were circulated to members with the Agenda, and were noted at the meeting.

22. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Friday 8 February 2019 at 2pm.