

SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE

Friday, 7 February 2020 (2:03 pm – 3:39 pm)

Councillor David Airey (Chairman)  
Councillor Janice Asman (Vice-Chair)  
Richard Ward (Hon Secretary)

Members Present:

Councillor Sharon Mintoff	Southampton City Council
Councillor Derek Mellor	Hampshire County Council
Councillor Tony Bronk	Winchester City Council
Councillor Anne Weir	Winchester City Council
Councillor David Betts	Allbrook Parish Council
Councillor Geoff Harris	Bishopstoke Parish Council
Councillor Derek Pretty	Eastleigh Borough Council
Steve Murdoch	Townhill Park Residents Association
Neil Garwood	Southampton Airport
Nigel Spence	Southampton Airport
Liz Bridle	Southampton Airport
Anna Wyse	Southampton Airport
Dan Townsend	Southampton Airport
Steve Thurston	Southampton Airport
Chris Hall	SPECTRUM
Phil Dominey	South Western Railway

Apologies:

Councillor Paul Bicknell	Eastleigh Borough Council
Councillor Matthew Bunday	Southampton City Council
Caroline Nokes MP	Romsey and Southampton North Parliamentary Constituency
Ross Macdonald	South Western Railway

52. CEREMONY TO MARK THE CONTRIBUTION OF GODFREY OLSON OBE

The Chair, Managing Director of Southampton Airport and the Honorary Secretary all spoke of their memories of Godfrey Olson. In particular, his passion and dedication to the Airport and the Borough of Eastleigh. A photograph of Godfrey was presented to the Airport Consultative Committee, which will be kept on permanent display at the Airport in recognition for his work on behalf of the Airport and the Committee.

53. MINUTES

The Chair announced to the Committee that Mr Geoff Wilkinson who represents SPECTRUM has stepped down. The Chair wanted to thank him for his time and contribution in his absence. Mr C Hall was welcomed to the Committee as a member who will be representing SPECTRUM. The Chair

also welcomed Philip Riley, the Chair of the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee, to the meeting.

**RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2019, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

54. AIRPORT MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Neil Garwood, Managing Director, presented his report which covered the period of September to December 2019.

**Passenger Numbers and Aircraft Movements**

Passenger numbers have seen a decrease of 13% in comparison to the previous year as KLM and Aer Lingus ceased operations for strategic reasons.

**Total Aircraft Movements**

NG confirmed that the figures within the Managing Director's Report were slightly incorrect. Between September 2019 and the end of December 2019, there were 11,850 flights. The number of flights in December should read 2904.

**Community and Charity News**

Southampton Airport's 3-year partnership with Air Ambulance came to an end. NG was pleased to report that the airport had raised over £100,000 during that period. In the future with regards to the airport's charity strategy, a charity fund will be launched called The Moonbeam Fund. This will allow local organisations to apply for a grant to use for a good cause.

**Airline and Airport News**

NG highlighted that Southampton Airport acquired the highest customer satisfaction rating in the country and this was thanks to the incredible work the teams have done in helping to deliver a great customer experience.

Three fixed electric ground powered units have recently been fitted in replacement of an Auxiliary Power Unit. This will enable aircrafts to maintain power whilst stationary without the units using jet fuel when switched on.

The Chair acknowledged that decline in passenger numbers were a slight concern, however, the charity and community work is very positive along with the introduction of the fixed electric ground power units.

55. AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

Steve Thurston, Head of Planning and Development at Southampton Airport presented his report.

The public consultation closed on 3 January. Both positive and negative comments were received. There were concerns raised over climate change, noise air pollution and traffic congestion. The key areas are currently being worked on with Eastleigh Borough Council.

Winchester City Council and Southampton City Council did object to the plans, however, Southampton Airport are happy to address the concerns and work with the comments made by the local authorities. The application determination by Eastleigh Borough Council is hoping to be held in late May.

A Working Group has now been formed to discuss ways of developing better access to the airport without the use of vehicles.

ST explained that a runway extension will allow the opportunity to develop land to the north-east of the airfield. The development of this land could produce 1 million square feet of sustainable business space, along with 1000 new jobs.

The Chair queried how committed the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) were. ST explained to the Committee that they were very committed to the region for economic growth.

#### 56. NOISE MONITOR DEPLOYMENT

Liz Bridle, representing Southampton Airport, presented the noise statistics to the Committee.

The noise complaints have risen significantly. Whilst there has been a decline in movements compared to recent years and no change to noise preferred routings or airspace, there has been an increase in the number of repeated complaints referencing the airport planning application.

Between September 2019 and December 2019:

- 7 noise complaint operations to the north
- 264 noise complaint operations to the south
- 8 noise complaint operations to the west
- 5 from unknown locations

Liz explained that there is a gap in the data for the noise preferred route deviations due to Nicola Shaw leaving her role at Southampton Airport.

#### 57. AIRSPACE

Southampton Airport are one of 17 airports responsible for designing airspace up to 7000 feet.

Nigel Spence, Southampton Airport, presented the Airspace Change proposal and confirmed that the airport is now in Stage 2. The workshops are due to be held on 23 and 27 March 2020 and will be open to communities and businesses. The proposal is then due to be presented to the Civil Aviation Authority on 31 July 2020. Once past Gateway, it will then go to general consultation with a deployment of winter 2023/24.

#### 58. NOISE INSULATION POLICY

Dan Townsend presented the Noise Insulation Policy.

DT explained that if a property is within the 63 dB LAeq 16hr contour, then the airport would look at noise insulation. UK airports all have different schemes in terms of sound proofing. The specific details of the Noise Insulation Scheme are currently being finalised. DT proposed that they are presented to a Technical Working Group in March.

Southampton Airport are preparing a draft policy to deal with the use of the noise monitors. This will be considered at the next Technical Working Group for sign off.

The Chair agreed that it needs to be discussed and is happy for it to be an item at the next Technical Working Group.

Councillor Mintoff and Councillor Bronk requested that an update be provided following the March meeting.

59. NOISE ACTION PLAN AND NOISE DESK SYSTEM

Liz Bridle, representing Southampton Airport, presented the Noise Action Plan Report.

There has been a significant rise in the number of noise complaints being submitted in 2019; despite there being no change to the noise preferred routings or airspace and a decline in movements. This indicates that the planning application has a direct link to the increase.

There has been a significant increase in the number of households submitting multiple complaints. In October 2019, 33 complaints were received from one household and in November, 122 complaints were received from another. LB confirmed that they respond individually to complaints and that they are all logged to ensure transparency. The Chair agreed that a personal approach to people is important and thanked EB for the work that had been carried out.

60. UPDATE ON MASTERPLAN

This item was discussed as part of the Airport Development item.

61. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK

The Managing Director provided the Committee with an update following the Technical Working Group's meeting.

62. UKACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It was agreed that the Chair and the Honorary Secretary attend the UKACC Annual Conference that was being held in Bristol.

63. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the Friday 26 June 2020 at 2pm in the Spitfire Meeting Room at Southampton Airport.

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