

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 8 April 2021 at 2:00 pm until 01.30am on Friday 9 April and continued at 6:00pm on Friday 9 April until 02:30am on Saturday 10 April.

PRESENT:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Garton (Chair); Councillors Airey, Allingham, Asman, Atkinson, Bearder, Bicknell, Bourne, Broadhurst, Campbell, Clarke, Corben, Couldrey, Craig, Cross, Dean, Doguie, Duguid, Gomer, Grajewski, Holes, House, Irish, Jurd, Kyrle, Mann, Manning, Marsh, Parker-Jones, Pragnell, Pretty, Rich, Tennent, Tidridge, Trace and Tyson-Payne

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Groves and Rushton

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bicknell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 on the agenda as he is a member of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee and holds a nominal number of shares in IAG, the parent group of British Airways.

Councillor Asman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 on the agenda as she is Vice Chair of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee.

Councillor Airey declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 on the agenda as he is Chair of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee.

Councillor Pretty declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 on the agenda as he is a member of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee.

Councillor Grajewski declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 on the agenda as she is a Local Authority Director on the Solent Local Enterprise Board and a Hampshire County Council Cabinet Member and Executive Member for Public Health.

67. EMERGENCY MOTION

**Councillor Tidridge put forward the following emergency motion, which was moved and seconded:**

- **That the Council meeting to determine Southampton International Airport's planning application no F/19/86707 be deferred to a later date but not before 12 July 2021.**

**A recorded vote for the emergency motion occurred:**

FOR: Councillors – Allingham; Bearder; Campbell; Clarke; Dean; Doguie, Duguid; Irish; Jurd; Marsh; Parker-Jones; Tidridge; Tyson-Payne.

AGAINST: Councillors – Airey; Asman; Atkinson; Bicknell; Bourne; Broadhurst; Corben; Couldrey; Craig; Cross; Garton; Gomer; Grajewski; Groves; Holes; House; Kyrle; Mann; Manning; Pragnell; Pretty; Rich; and Trace.

(FOR: 13; AGAINST: 23)

**The emergency motion was NOT permitted.**

(Note: Councillor Tennent lost connection and did not take part in the debate or the vote for the emergency motion.)

68. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

The Head of Housing and Development gave a short presentation on guidelines that had to be taken into account when determining planning applications; in particular the issues that could, and could not, be taken into account. This was set against the broader policy framework.

69. PLANNING APPLICATION - SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MITCHELL WAY, EASTLEIGH, SOUTHAMPTON, SO18 2HG

The Council considered the report of the Head of Housing and Development (Agenda item 3) concerning a planning application at Southampton International Airport, Mitchell Way, Eastleigh, Southampton, SO18 2HG for construction of a 164 metre runway extension at the northern end of the existing runway, associated blast screen to the north of the proposed runway extension, removal of existing bund and the reconfiguration and extension of existing long stay car parking to the east and west of Mitchell Way to provide additional long stay spaces. (Ref: F/19/86707).

Updates presented to Full Council:

- All ELAC updates are included within the Full Council report
- Community Health Fund –
  - £100,000 one of upfront payment on commencement of development
  - £2/additional ATM over baseline (2020) every year thereafter
  - Improved Governance – a committee with reps from SIA, EBC, SCC, HCC
  - Research and target investment of funds.
- Twyford Parish Council – maintain objection on grounds of noise, low flying aircraft, adverse environmental impacts

- If resolved to approve, to delegate the decision in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Eastleigh LAC.
- Condition 3b – should read “The construction of the car park shall take place...”

Updates agreed at Full Council:

- The S106 Legal Agreement to cap the increase in passenger numbers as follows: no more than 2.4 million passengers by 2024, no more than 2.6 million passengers by 2028 and no more than 3.0 million passengers by 2034
- To include a representative from the Airport Consultative Committee on the Community Health and Well Being Board

After 10 hours 45 minutes, the Council adjourned the meeting at 00.45am on Friday 9 April 2021 until 6pm when it recommenced and ran until 02.30am on Saturday 10 April 2021.

A recorded vote occurred:

FOR: Councillors - Airey; Allingham; Asman; Atkinson; Bicknell; Bourne; Broadhurst; Corben; Craig; Cross; Duguid; Garton; Grajewski; Holes; House; Mann; Manning; Pragnell; Pretty; Rich; Tennent and Trace.

AGAINST: Councillors – Bearder; Campbell; Clarke; Couldrey; Dean; Doguie, Gomer; Irish; Jurd; Kyrle; Marsh; Parker-Jones; Tyson-Payne

ABSTAIN: Councillors - Tidridge

(FOR: 22; AGAINST: 13; ABSTAIN: 1)

**RESOLVED -**

**Subject to:**

**(1) the conditions set out below with delegated authority to make minor amendments to the conditions to ensure they dovetail with, and do not duplicate the section 106 agreement; and**

**(2) completion of a Section 106 agreement securing the following:**

**In consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Eastleigh Local Area Committee to delegate to the Head of Housing and Development to PERMIT.**

(NOTES: Councillors had a lengthy question and debate citing concerns including, but not limited to, the environmental impact, climate change, noise pollution, increased traffic, the climate change and environmental

emergency declaration, along with benefits including employment, impact on the economy, viability of the airport and officer recommendation.

Approximately 96 people spoke in objection to the application, citing concerns including – but not limited to – lack of a cap on noise and size of planes, health and wellbeing of local people, lack of compensation for garden use, house price decreases, noise disruption, mental health wellbeing, climate change, noise of flights in local schools, environmental costs, air quality and pollution, increase in air traffic, impact on outdoor spaces, tourism encouraging money to be spent abroad instead of in the UK, existing runway is long enough already, increased demand on flights, effect on health and development of children, CO2 emissions, road traffic increases, pollution on the roads, felling of trees, and the effect on Bournemouth Airport.

Approximately 84 people spoke in support of the application, citing benefits including – but not limited to - the future of the airport needing security, business growth, runway would be safer and more viable, international business viability, increase in road emissions with people travelling to further airports, vital to Alderney and the Channel Isles, public support, recovery after Covid 19, benefit to local businesses, increased transport links, fuel efficiency increase of planes already using the airport, modern jets can be quieter than propellor planes, local infrastructure, concerns around loss of airport if it cannot be financially viable, conjunction with Freeport, disabled and autism friendly airport, employment opportunities, mitigation package to improve noise in houses under the flight path, environmental benefits of using local airports, increased travel destinations and that planes will still fly – just from other airports.)

The meeting finished at 02:30am on Saturday 10 April.

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