

Southampton International Airport
Airport Consultative Committee
Proposal for Chair

I am Tim Groves.

My career has been in civil engineering, and transport. I am an Eastleigh Borough and Hampshire County Councillor. I have lived and worked in the area since 2005.

I have been appointed as David Airey's successor as Cabinet Member for Transport on Eastleigh Borough Council.

I am a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation and a past Southern Region Chair. My background is as a Chartered Engineer and Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers. I was also a Member of the Chartered Management Institute, and Treasurer of the Solent Branch.

I have spent 18 months at London Heathrow Airport supporting capital improvements including installing land based electricity to aircraft when parked to reduce pollution avoiding them having to have engines running when at terminals, modernisation of the Terminal 5 Departure Lounge, improvements to Special Assistance for those with reduced mobility, electronic security checks for passengers and liquids, and improvements to retail and other passenger facilities.

I understand how airports work, and the challenges they face. I am aware of the importance of the National Air Traffic Services (NATS) and the need for efficient use of airspace to minimise time of flights, costs and carbon emissions.

I know the importance of stakeholder engagement having led development of highway route management strategies considering multi-modal issues, and am particularly aware of concerns over noise and pollution related to the airport. One of these route management strategies was for the route from Exeter to Southampton.

As Chair and with the support of members, I will ensure that the airport consultative committee carries out its role in accordance with government guidance, and that views of all members are able to be heard, discussed and recorded. Part of that will be to monitor and challenge whether aircraft types and movements restricted by planning conditions are complied with.

I would like to see a viable airport with excellent rail connections, able to support our community. Building on our local historical and industrial record, I would like to see the airport used by local businesses as an opportunity for innovation and development of zero carbon technology and transport, and ultimately contribute initiatives to really address the climate emergency.

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