

**ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**3 MAY 2005, ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT**

PRESENT: Councillor Pat Bartlett (Chair).  
Councillor Patricia Schofield (Vice-Chair), Lynn Hunter (Parish Councils Airport Liaison Group), John Davis (DMBC Environmental Health), J McCabe (DMBC Environmental Health), Andrew Dutton (Environmental Manager; Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Clare Wilson (Environmental Co-Ordinator), Peter Nears (Peel Holdings), R Tansley (DMBC Environmental Health), J Proudman (Bassetlaw DC), L Cooksey (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

Observing - Martin Gold (Hayfield Green. Vice-Chairman of Community Sub-Committee), and Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (Chair Community Sub-Committee).

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 18 February 2005 be agreed as a true record.

2 **SOUND INSULATION GRANT SCHEME**

Members received a report regarding the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme.

Clare Wilson, Environment Co-ordinator, reported that 51 properties were eligible under the Grant Scheme for assistance with secondary glazing. To date, 156 enquiries (excluding the 51 eligible properties) had been received. The Committee noted that the scheme would be reviewed annually.

Andrew Dutton reported that the Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMT) were now all installed. The fixed NMTs and the mobile NMT could be used to verify the boundary of the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme over the next year. The geographic location of the SIGs boundary was not fixed and would grow as the number of flights increased over the years.

3 **PUBLIC NOISE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Members received a report regarding the Public Noise Complaints Procedure.

Clare Wilson explained how complaints regarding noise incidents were handled. The Sub-Committee noted that 10 complaints had so far been received. All complaints had to be investigated and a response made within a month. It was anticipated that the vast majority would be dealt with considerably quicker.

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A Dutton gave a presentation demonstrating how the information recorded by the Noise Monitoring Terminals was recorded and utilised. The Committee viewed the real time noise display and examined historical data, relating to noise events and an analysis of flight tracks.

Members of the Committee commented that before the Airport opened the community had been informed and understood that no aircraft would fly over Bawtry, and that it had been stressed that aircraft would take off to the North.

Peter Nears informed the Committee that the wind direction is a determining factor affecting the direction in which aircraft take off and land; in addition it was noted that windspeed and rate of climb would affect the routing of departing aircraft.

Andrew Dutton confirmed that the Airport would be in direct contact with the operator concerned, should it be found that aircraft were taking a "short cut", and deviating from the agreed take off and landing paths. The Committee accepted that the Airport had only been open for a relatively short period of time and procedures needed time to bed in.

Peter Nears, on behalf of Peel Airports, confirmed that they would use reasonable endeavours to encourage operators to take off over the North, particularly at night time.

**4 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Sub-Committee agreed to meet on the following dates:-

Monday 12 September at 10.00 am  
Wednesday 7 December at 10.00 am.

**5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Sub-Committee agreed that it would consider "any other business" where the Joint Secretariat had been notified beforehand.