

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

12 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Councillor P Bartlett (in the Chair)
Councillors P Schofield and Y Woodcock (Doncaster MBC)
P Nears (Peel Holdings)
J Turner, J F McCabe and M Stewart (Doncaster MBC)
C Wilson and R Cooke (RHADS)
L Cooksey and M McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

Apologies for absence were received from A Tolhurst, L Hunter and B Linton.

1 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2007 were considered and agreed and the following points raised:-

(i) Quiet Operations Policy

Councillor Schofield enquired when her request for the Airport Consultative Committee to note a contravention of the Quiet Operations Policy would be dealt with.

Clare Wilson informed the meeting that the matter had not been dealt with at the meeting of the Airport Consultative due to an extensive agenda; the matter would be discussed at today's meeting.

(ii) Instrument Landing System

R Cooke reported that the equipment necessary to extend the range of the Instrument Landing System had been installed on Runway 02. Flights had been trialled two weeks ago and officers were working to put the safety case together for CAA final approval. The system should be operational by mid January 2008.

2 NOISE MONITORING REPORT

Clare Wilson, Environment and Communities Manager at Robin Hood Airport, presented the Noise Monitoring report for the period August 2007 to October 2007.

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(i) Correlation of Monthly Noise Reports

The Sub-Committee noted that one of the portable noise monitors had been installed at Bawtry (St Martin's Avenue).

(ii) Runway Utilisation

Clare Wilson reported that the preferred runway policy was being adhered to whenever possible; the Sub-Committee noting that in October 91% of arrivals were from the North. Departures were split 47% and 53% between Runway 20 and Runway 02, wind direction being a factor taken into considerations when taking off.

(iii) Noise Complaints

Clare Wilson reported that the number of aircraft movements had increased in 2007, compared with 2006.

The Sub-Committee noted that in September 114 complaints had been received, in October 177, (109 from one individual), and November 81. C Wilson confirmed that the noise levels recorded were quite constant, averaging 83 decibels.

The Sub-Committee noted that a lot of the complaints received were in regard to aircraft flying over Bawtry. Aircraft taking off in the direction of Bawtry were able to manoeuvre so as to avoid flying directly over Bawtry.

(iv) Noise and Track Keeping System

The Sub-Committee noted that the Airport had installed a Noise and Track Keeping System at the airport. The airport was experiencing minor problems which were being resolved on a daily basis. The airport had submitted a revised Track Keeping and Referral System to Doncaster MBC for approval. The Committee noted that apart from one paragraph the scheme was ready for approval by Doncaster MBC.

(v) Night Noise

The Chair commented that she had not been informed that some "Quota Count 4" Aircraft had been landing at night.

Clare Wilson informed the Sub Committee of the movements undertaken, pointing out that although the planes concerned were DC10's, because they had not been fully loaded they had registered as Quota Count 2 Aircraft.

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Military flights had been involved and these were classed as an exception under the policy. The Director of Planning at Doncaster MBC had been informed of the flights. No more flights were planned. John McCabe sought assurances that no such further flights would take place until the matter had been discussed further with Doncaster MBC. Clare Wilson confirmed that this was the case.

3 NIGHT NOISE SANCTIONS POLICY

The Sub-Committee noted that the airport and Doncaster MBC had agreed to retain the existing Night Noise Sanctions Scheme and review the scheme again before October 2008. The review would have the benefit of the proposed airspace changes and track keeping data to inform any future changes to the scheme.

The Sub-Committee noted that a report would be presented to a meeting of the Planning Committee addressing the Section 106 and the Planning Agreement. J Turner commented that it was important that the Sub-Committee had the opportunity to submit comments to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That local residents be informed when the Planning Committee discusses changes to the current S106 Agreement and the Planning Agreements.

4 EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

RESOLVED – That members be informed of the numbers of people employed at the airport.

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