

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

14 MARCH 2008

PRESENT: Councillor P Schofield (in the Chair from item 2 onwards)
Mr J F McCabe, Vice-Chair (in the Chair for item 1 only)

Councillors Y Woodcock and P Bartlett (Doncaster MBC)
C Stringer (NEBF), A Bosmans (FODSA), L Hunter (PCALC),
A Tolhurst (Airport Consultative Committee), M Steward (DMBC), A M
Pike, R Cooke and C Wilson (RHADS).

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor P Schofield be appointed to Chair the Committee.

2 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That subject to apology of Councillor Hunter being recorded, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2007 be received.

3 **QUARTERLY NOISE MONITORING REPORT**

C Wilson, Environment and Communities Manager presented the Noise Monitoring report for the period December 2007 to March 2008.

(i) **Noise Monitors**

The two fixed noise monitors were fully operational, there were no reports of missed data from the period December 2007 to March 2008. The portable noise monitor was deployed in Finningley from 14 February 2008 to 28 February 2008 to monitor noise, and a 'loud droning noise' had been reported from Finningley village.

(ii) **Runway Utilisation**

In summary:-

- Predominantly arrivals were from the north.
- Departures are more evenly spread with marginally (2%) more departures to the north than the south in accordance with the "Noise Preferential Routing" policy.

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(iii) Sound Insulation Grant Scheme

To date 21 properties had taken up the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme. The airport would be reviewing the Scheme in March 2008; however it was unlikely that the scheme would expand following the review.

(iv) Night Noise Sanctions Policy

It had been agreed between the airport and Doncaster MBC 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 airport had not penalised aircraft during the period of this report.

(v) Noise and Track Keeping System

The Noise and Track Keeping System had been installed at the airport. The system was experiencing minor problems which were being resolved. The airport had submitted a revised Track Keeping and Referral System, to Doncaster MBC who had now approved the scheme.

(vi) Night Noise

C Wilson reminded the meeting that each aircraft was allocated a noise value (Quota Count Point [QCP]) ranging from 0.5 – 16. The airport was allocated 3500 QCPs for the first summer period rising to 5000 ACPs in the fifth summer season on a pro-rata basis. The table below show QCPs used for the summer and winter 2006/07 season.

Winter season 2007/08	Number of movements	QCPs used	QCPs left for season
31/10/07 – 4/3/08	95	84.00	2565

The Sub-Committee noted that whilst the number of complaints had fallen, the number of complainants had risen.

J McCabe informed the Committee that the Night Noise Sanctions Policy would be reviewed by the DMBC Planning Committee.

RESOLVED – That the graphs submitted regarding monthly arrival and departure noise levels be amended to include all aircraft types and that bar rather than linear graphs be used.

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4 SHEFFIELD CITY AIRPORT

The Sub-Committee noted that Sheffield City Airport would close at the end of March. As a consequence the flying school at Sheffield City Airport would relocate to Robin Hood Airport.

RESOLVED – That a representative of the Flying School be invited to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Action: C Wilson

5 R COOKE

R Cooke informed the meeting that this would be the last meeting he would be attending as he would shortly be taking up a post at Birmingham Airport.

Members of the Sub-Committee thanked Mr Cooke and wished him well for the future.

CHAIR

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