

Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport

Health Impact Assessment Group

Minutes from the Meeting held on

Wednesday 24th September 2008

Present: Dr Tony Baxter (Chair) Doncaster PCT
Mrs June Chambers, Health Protection Agency
Mr John McCabe, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough
Council
Mr Chris Stringer,
Ms Claire Wilson, Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Hewitt

Action

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Richard Smith and Heather Coleman.

2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 9th January 2008

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

a. Website

Andrew Shirt was now the secretary to the ACC. The group discussed that the minutes from this meeting go to the ACC and would be included on the website, however it was felt that due to the timescales of this meeting the minutes would be out of date by the time they would be posted onto the website and therefore needed to be put onto the website sooner. Andrew Shirt would be contacted to find out if this is possible.

CW

b. Robin Hood Airport Master Plan – Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

The group were informed that the master plan had been published. A summary of the plan was being sent to the printers.

The Future Development of Robin hood Airport 2008

document was currently out for consultation. Ms Wilson informed the group that a number of drop in sessions were being organised to promote the document and gather opinions, this would take place throughout December and January. Once all the feedback had been received a report with the questions and answers would be published.

Dr Baxter raised how the group could contribute to these drop in sessions and it was agreed that either a display or handout on current findings and what the group has undertaken would be produced. Heather Coleman would be asked to undertake this. HC

The piece of work on geographical locations of staff employed by the airport would be circulated to the group. Dr Baxter raised that a poster showing the geographical locations of employment could be produced and Ms Wilson agreed to confirm with Robin Tudor, Head of PR whether this would be required. CW

The consultation document would be sent to all members and it was agreed that a joint response would be sent from the group. Feedback from the consultation document should be sent to Dr Tony Baxter at Doncaster PCT. All

The group were informed that the Airport were looking at putting together a proposal to the council on the further use of QC4 aircrafts. This would be submitted along with the master plan. There is currently a ban on QC4 aircrafts but the airport are seeking a relaxation to bring the restrictions on the types of aircraft that may operate at the Airport at night into line with those adopted at most other UK regional airports. Mr McCabe raised whether the master plan and the proposal for QC4 flights should be submitted separately. Ms Wilson agreed to speak to the department who were putting together the proposal about this. CW

Mr McCabe felt that when the QC4 application would be put forward a specific meeting of the HIG should be organised, but after discussion it was felt that this should be discussed at the noise monitoring sub group. Mr McCabe agreed to feedback to the sub group that the HIG had discussed the QC4 and concerns about mitigation on health impact. Dr Baxter agreed to draw from the Health Impact Assessment data around mitigation and forward to Mr McCabe to take to the meeting. TB

Ms Wilson noted to the group that noise levels had been monitored when a QC4 aircraft had gone out and the noise levels were compliant.

c. Health Impact Assessment

Ms Wilson informed the group that there had been an increase in complaints regarding noise throughout August, 150 complaints had been recorded, where as in June and July there had only been 40 – 50 complaints. It was felt that the increase had been fuelled by recent media and RDAR who have been leafleting in Bawtry.

Ms Wilson reported that there had been no changes in terms of airport operations, there had been fewer aircrafts operating.

Tracking system

Ms Wilson reported that the airport tracker system had shown that 2 out of 15 aircrafts had been off track, the new airspace now being used had made a huge improvement for keeping on track.

Transport

The greener transport scheme park and ride is now up and running but has no impact on the airport.

A greener transport plan is in place for staff at the airport and a survey is being undertaken. Currently 8 people have taken up the scheme.

d. Quality Report on Air Quality

The air quality is currently below the national quality guideline levels, the group felt that this was good and that there would be no effects on health.

e. Smoke Free Policy

No further updates.

f. Port Medical Services

No call outs had taken place.

A rabies exercise is being undertaken in November.

An avian flu exercise is being organised for the 5th November and will include an airport scenario.

The South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) undertook operation Purple Flower and used the airport as part of the scenario. A unit response was being undertaken and would be brought to a future meeting.

Mrs Chambers noted that the prisons have requested that an exercise be undertaken with the airport.

The next Port Health Committee meeting was scheduled for the 6th November 2008.

g. Employee Questionnaire

A copy of the employer questionnaire results would be HC forwarded to members.

4. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

To be confirmed.