

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

## **NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**24 SEPTEMBER 2009**

PRESENT:- Councillor P Schofield (in the Chair)  
Councillor C Stringer (North East Bassetlaw Forum),  
Councillor Y Woodcock (DMBC), Councillor R K Ford (DMBC),  
D Lindley (Parish Council Liaison Group), T Walker, B Leary,  
J McCabe and J S Turner (DMBC), A Tolhurst (ACC),  
A Bosmans (FODSA), M P Wilshaw-Rhead, A M Pike and  
C Wilson (RHADS), A Shirt (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

### **1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from D John-Lewis (DMBC).

### **2 MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 25 June 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

### **3 NOISE REPORT**

C Wilson presented the Noise Monitoring report for the period July – September 2009.

The Committee noted that in relation to runway utilisation, arrivals were predominately from the North, (80% in 2009 to date). Departures were more evenly spread, there were slightly more departures to the South (66%) than to the North owing to traffic integration with National Air Traffic and wind direction. Overall 58% of total traffic was to the North and 42% to the South.

In relation to night noise the Committee noted that each aircraft was allocated a noise value (Quota Count Point (QCP) ranging from 0.5-16. The Airport was allocated 3500 QCP's for the first summer period rising to 5000 QCP's in the summer season on a pro-rate basis. The Committee noted that to date the summer usage was 258 QCP's representing 348 movements, 295 arrivals and 53 departures during the night time period.

C Wilson reported that to date 24 properties had taken up the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme out of a possible total of 247 (10%). C Wilson added that a large number of noise complaints had been received for residents in the Bawtry area. The Committee were informed that the Airport would be attending a meeting of Bawtry Town Council to discuss the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme and also to demonstrate how the acoustic vent system worked.

The Committee were informed that the number of noise complaints had slowly risen over the summer months.

C Wilson reported that the Track Keeping System had unfortunately, not captured all the track performance over the period due to the system going 'off track'. The Airport was now monitoring 'off track' performance and reporting to Doncaster MBC and the Flight Safety Committee.

A Tolhurst expressed concerns regarding the Track Keeping System was not capturing all flight data. C Wilson reported that this was due to scheduled maintenance carried out at Liverpool Airport. J McCabe asked if he could be kept informed when the system was likely to go off track. C Wilson agreed to speak to colleagues at Liverpool Airport.

**Action:- C Wilson**

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

#### 4 VEXATIOUS NOISE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

C Wilson circulated a draft copy of the Airport's Vexatious Noise Complaints procedure. The Committee were asked to provide the Airport with any comments before the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. A final copy of the procedure would be circulated at the December meeting for the Sub-Committees approval.

**Action:- C Wilson**

A copy of the draft Vexatious Noise Complaints procedure would be circulated to all Members.

**Action: - C Wilson / A Shirt**

J McCabe informed the Committee that Doncaster MBC (Local Planning Authority) would also need to approve the Vexatious Noise Complaints Procedure as set out in the Airport's original 106 agreement document 'the Airport shall not be operated otherwise than in accordance with the approved public noise complaints handling procedure'.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

5 QC4 UPDATE

J Turner reported that Doncaster MBC were currently having detailed discussions with the Airport in relation to the formal application for a variation to the provisions of the Quiet Operations Policy of the Section 106 Agreement to permit the Airport to operate QC4 aircraft at night.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

D Lindley enquired if any aircrafts had been fuel dumping in the Finningley area. C Wilson reported that no aircraft had carried out this act.

C Wilson reported that the telephone number for Noise Monitoring Complaints would change shortly to 01302 623499. The Committee noted that the Airport would inform all stakeholders and Parish Councils of the change.

CHAIR