

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING

UNAPPROVED - - - - -Minutes of the Meeting  
held at DHL Offices, East Midlands Airport

13 November 2009

**Present:**

Independent Chairman

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

**Users:**

Consumers Association  
DHL Aviation Ltd  
Institute of Export  
Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce  
UPS  
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce

Mr N Duncan  
Mr P Hewett  
Mr D Fermie  
Mr P Collin  
Mr R Pryce  
Mr A Morris-Richardson

**Local Authorities:**

Broxtowe Borough Council  
Derbyshire County Council  
Derby City Council  
Erewash Borough Council  
Leicestershire County Council  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
North West Leicestershire District Council  
Rushcliffe Borough Council  
South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor B Wombwell  
Councillor S Spencer  
Councillor L Care  
Councillor R Parkinson  
Councillor Mrs L Pendleton  
Councillor L Sykes  
Councillor J Bridges  
Councillor Mrs M Males  
Councillor J Harrison

**Local Groups:**

CPRE Leicestershire  
CPRE Derbyshire  
CPRE Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe  
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils  
Kings Newton Residents' Association  
Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils  
Melbourne Civic Society  
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils  
PAIN - People Against Intrusive Noise  
SAVE – Save Aston Village Environment  
WINGS

Mr G Stocks  
Ms C Barker  
Mrs B Walker  
Councillor S Jackson  
Mr S Leech  
Councillor J Pike  
Dr P Grimley  
Cllr K Barton  
Mrs P Beddoe  
Mr J Gidlow  
Mr M Hening

**East Midlands Airport:**

Director of Sustainability  
Director of Planning and Development  
Deputy Managing Director & Finance Director  
Community Relations Executive  
Minute Secretary

Mr N Robinson  
Mr J Froggatt  
Mr B Thompson  
Ms Leonie Parkin  
Mrs A Lamin

09/21 **APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr M Barrett, Dr Manhire was represented by Mr N Duncan, Mr S Harley, Dr D Gillingwater, Cllr D Stevenson was represented by Cllr J Bridges, Mr A Corbett, Mr S Charlish, Mr I Robertson was represented by Mr M Hening, Ms P Coates.

**Declarations of interest** were received as follows:

Cllr Mrs L Pendleton recorded a personal interest in the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme; Cllr J Bridges as Deputy Chairman of NWLDC Planning Committee regarding planning issues; Cllr R Parkinson recorded a personal connection through family employment with BMI.

09/22 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2009**

a. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2009 were accepted as a true record subject to an amendment in paragraph 09/12 - Declaration of Interest by Cllr J Pike in respect of 'Prejudicial' (not public) interest regarding the sliver of land on the A453.

b. **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

09/15 Copies of the presentation in Inbound Tourism 2009/10 and contact details, will be sent to ICC members with the minutes of this meeting.

**ACTION: EMA**

09/23 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman informed members of information received from Councillor D Stevenson, North West Leicestershire District Council, and Dr A Manhire, Consumers' Association, confirming their wish to continue as representatives on the MENT and TEP sub-committees respectively.

09/24 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEES**

Details of the election process and the revised Constitution of the ICC dated February 2008 had been circulated to all ICC members, and the process was again outlined. It was confirmed that organisations are elected as members of the sub-committees and consistency of attendance was encouraged.

Substitution arrangements were outlined and agreed.

The three groups of Users, Local Authorities and Local Groups convened in separate areas and subsequently the following agreed nominations were recorded.

**MENT: MONITORING, ENVIRONMENT, NOISE AND TRACK SUB-COMMITTEE**

<b>Member Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Substitute Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Leicestershire County Council	Cllr Mrs L Pendleton	Leicestershire County Council	To be advised
North West Leicestershire District Council	Cllr D Stevenson	North West Leicestershire District Council	To be advised
Rushcliffe Borough Council	Cllr Mrs M Males	Rushcliffe Borough Council	To be advised
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Chamber	Mr A Morris-Richardson	Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Chamber	Mrs E Whitehead
DHL Aviation (UK) Ltd	Mr P Hewett	DHL Aviation (UK) Ltd	To be advised
UPS Ltd	Mr A Bradley	UPS Ltd	Mr R Pryce
CPRE Leicestershire	Mr G Stocks	CPRE Derbyshire	Ms C Barker
Kings Newton Residents' Association	Mr S Leech	DEMAND	Mr S Charlish
Melbourne Civic Society	Dr P Grimley	PAIN	Mrs P Beddoe

**TEP: TRANSPORT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PASSENGER SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE:**

<b>Member Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Substitute Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Derby City Council	Cllr L Care	Derby City Council	To be advised
Erewash Borough Council	Cllr R Parkinson	Erewash Borough Council	To be advised
Nottinghamshire County Council	Cllr L Sykes	Nottinghamshire County Council	Mr B Wombwell
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Chamber	Mr A Morris-Richardson	Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Chamber	Mrs E Whitehead
Institute of Export	Mr D Fermie	Institute of Export	To be advised
Consumers' Association/Which	Dr A Manhire	Consumers' Association/Which	To be advised
Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils	Cllr J Pike	Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Cllr K Barton
Melbourne Civic Society	Dr P Grimley	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Cllr S Jackson
PAIN	Mrs P Beddoe	CPRE Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe	Mrs B Walker

Presentation by Neil Robinson, EMA Director of Sustainability

Key points included:

What it is, what it means to EMA and the Airport's objectives.

It was emphasised that the Airport has a big economic and environmental impact on the region.

A positive contribution to the economy of the region has an indirect positive effect on health.

The Airport seeks to minimise environmental harm whilst achieving economic growth.

Key issues include climate change and the Airport aims to be carbon neutral in respect of its own operations by 2012.

Aircraft noise was highlighted and it is anticipated that whilst there will be a considerable growth in air freight between 1996 and 2016. Noise contours would not increase.

There is a co-relation between economic growth and the environmental impact - the environmental harm does not necessarily increase with growth.

Waste management is improving year-on-year.

Comments included:

Emissions targets are mainly voluntary and are set by the Airport.

A member advised of independent research available on the Impact on Children's Education of Disturbed Sleep, and circulated a photograph of a plane flying overhead locally where the emissions were clearly visible.

EMA said that night flights over the specified eight hour period from 23.00 to 07.00 are not greater than for the London airports as alleged. Flight patterns may differ but the number is less. The member was asked to advise details of the research and reports appropriate and EMA will review the information received.

A member queried how and where the emissions are measured. EMA confirmed measures are taken at a point north west of the airport where the greatest effect is and which is where people live closest to the runway. The targets are a mixture of statutory and voluntary.

A member said that the statistics presented on waste are for one year and are misleading as overall over time the waste produced has increased. The presentation had many good points but omitted aviation activities and unsustainable development - ie greater use of oil and greater atmospheric pollution. The member said huge areas were not addressed and that the presentation did not say that the Airport is supporting unsustainable growth.

EMA said that the information presented was based on the same data used for the Monitoring Implementation Report, but was presented as moving annual totals. The percentage of waste recycled has increased and would increase further. It was accepted that the volumes would grow but more waste in terms of percentage was being recycled. Airlines and aviation authorities are working to reduce emissions, newer aircraft have been introduced which are less noisy and use less fuel. There are strict regulations on emissions. Second generation bio-fuels are currently being tested.

A member asked if the air quality is measured down-wind as kerosene can clearly be detected in the Sutton Bonington area. EMA responded that the biggest source of pollution is the motorway. EMA measures for benzene which serves as a proxy for the inclusion of other chemicals such as xylene which had been raised.

EMA confirmed that all waste is sorted by hand and batteries and long-life bulbs are sorted separately.

It was agreed bio-fuels are technically feasible but there was debate as to whether they were economically unviable. EMA are considering future possibilities within the business strategy reviews, including the current over-reliance on oil. EMA confirmed willingness to receive information on the issues from other organisations as appropriate.

The Chairman and members thanked Neil Robinson.-

09/26 **DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION UPDATE**

Formal consultation ended on 21 October 2009 and the Draft Noise Action Plan will be submitted to Government by 30 November 2009. EMA confirmed that emerging themes and summaries of comments made will be included and all contributors will be acknowledged.

A member said the NAP advocates increased noise and asked what response will be given to criticisms on the increase. EMA said that the very specific questions asked by the published Guidance which related to noise contours produced specifically for the NAP and mitigation measure will be dealt with in the EMA submission. On the basis of the Guidance, there is nothing to suggest that the impact is unacceptable.

09/27 **AIRPORT REPORT**

a. **Statistics**

It was noted that the effects of the economic recession were still feeding through. Recent and imminent changes include the announcement that BA and Iberia airlines were merging, Easyjet is consulting over continuing at EMA, BMI flights were increasing at EMA but decreasing at other airports, Jet2 would be creating a new base at EMA. Tour Operator and Charter passengers had decreased notably, reflecting the effect of the collapse of XL.

A member queried the impact on EMA of the BMI difficulties. EMA confirmed they were looking to a sustainable future with all airlines and are monitoring the situation.

A member asked how the passenger figures at EMA compared with other airports. EMA would provide statistics to the ICC to show the EMA market share within the UK and highlight national trends to illustrate benchmarks.

**ACTION: EMA**

A list of UKACC items of interest available on the internet was made available to ICC members at this meeting.

b. **Community Relations update**

The details circulated were reviewed and accepted.

c. **Planning Applications**

The runway extension has now been approved. EMA confirmed that the development was unlikely to commence before 2011.

EMA will present visuals on the hotel proposals to a future ICC meeting. The hotel would be a new building and would be very carbon efficient.

**ACTION: EMA**

In response to a query, the NWLDC representative confirmed that the Section 106 Agreement was enforceable by law and planning could be revoked if the Section 106 Agreement was not adhered to.

A member said that at a Public Inquiry into the proposed duelling of the A453, the Highways Agency had argued that it was needed, in part, because of a projected increase in the number of jobs at the airport. The member said that more realistic figures were needed in the Master Plan as these figures are used by various agencies and organisations and could result in the loss of greenbelt land. EMA confirmed that Master Plan forecasts would be reviewed in 2011 in line with Government policy.

d. **Environmental summary**

Noise contours as circulated were reviewed. This information is available on the website. EMA agreed, where possible, to show future contours on identical scales.

**ACTION: EMA**

A member said that the contour areas were important and EMA confirmed the difficulties of different measures required for different reporting requirements. EMA would present a paper on contours to a future meeting of MENT for their information.

**ACTION: EMA/MENT**

A member said that noise penalties are applied during the hours of 11.00pm to 7.00am and appealed for noise penalties during 'darkness hours' of say 9.00pm to 7.00am.

EMA said that the low level of noise penalty fines should be considered a success. The hours will be reviewed under the Noise Action Plan and although the hours of 11.00pm to 7.00am have previously been agreed as appropriate, EMA will reconsider the issues.

The representative for Kings Newton Residents' Association said that airport disturbance has now improved considerably due to aircraft routeing and congratulated and thanked EMA for their consideration and the actions taken.

09/28 **MINUTES OF MENT AND TEP SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Members agreed to note the circulation of the following minutes:

- i) MENT meeting held on 25 September 2009
- ii) TEP meeting held on 9 October 2009

09/29 **NEXT MEETINGS**  
**Friday 19 March 2010**

A schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2010 and early 2011 was tabled for members to take away. This would also be circulated with the meeting minutes and all members were asked to advise any major difficulties with these dates before they are confirmed.

**ACTION: ALL/EMA**

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