

# Airport Transport Forum Meeting Notes

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020, 2 pm. Online meeting

## Attendance

Tim Halley, LCA  
 Oscar Wong, LCA  
 Darren Brown, LCY taxi co-ordinator  
 Martin Davies, LCY Landside Security  
 Shamal Ratnayaka, TfL  
 Bob Tong, Lendlease  
 Chris Abel, Tate & Lyle  
 Suzi Lane, Royal Docks Team  
 Richard Storer, Crossrail

Adesola Fagbenro, KAD  
 Thishan Rajendram, Community Representative (RDLAC)  
 Theca Meijer, Community Representative  
 Andrea Sperini, British Airways  
 Susan Watt, DfT

## Apologies

Paul Surridge, TfL  
 Scott Derben, RODMA  
 Murray Woodburn, LBN  
 Jennifer Bishop, LBN

Damian Norman, ExCeL  
 Will Layton, KAD  
 Marcus Adams, TfL

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Sean McKee, London Chamber of Commerce

Tim Aldenham (GLA)

## Items

No.	Note	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and announcements</b>	
1.1	TH welcomed all to the ATF and introduced the agenda to the attendees.	
1.2	Marcus Adams (MA) from TfL Planning sent his apologies but will catch up with the airport separately.	MA/OW
<b>2.</b>	<b>Airport Business update</b>	
2.1	Members updated as per pages 3-4 of the accompanying slide pack.	
2.2	TH updated members on passenger and flight numbers which continue to be significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, subject to government advice, it is hoped that international travel may potentially restart from as early as the 17 May. The airport and airlines are optimistic about operating a summer schedule subject to the restart of international travel. A	

	number of airlines have announced the re-start of a number of routes in recent weeks in anticipation of this.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Airport Operations update</b>	
3.1	Update as per page 5-7 of the accompanying slide pack.	
3.2	TH noted that the airport is currently operating a pre-departure COVID-19 testing facility in the terminal and is reviewing options to scale up the facility to meet the anticipated increase in demand over the summer months.	
3.3	Bob Tong (BT) from Lendlease(LL) asked if any plan for the airport to explore other tech opportunities to reduce carbon emissions as part of any recovery plans (e.g. use of biofuels and/or electric aircraft). TH confirmed that the airports previous commitment to achieve Net Zero by 2050 remained and that a new Sustainability Strategy to set out a route map is currently being prepared and should be published later this year. The airport continue to work closely with the airline partners to explore various measures to reduce carbon emissions. Given the nature and range of destinations served by City Airport, it is ideally placed for test flights for electric aircraft in the future.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Surface Access update</b>	
4.1	Update as per page 9-11 of the accompanying slide pack.	
4.2	<p>TH shared Q4 20 travel data, but mentioned that it is difficult to establish any real trends from 2020 given significantly reduced passenger numbers and limited survey data. As was expected, given the government travel advice there appeared to be a slight shift away from public transport towards private car usage although this shift didn't appear significant.</p> <p>TH confirmed that despite the ongoing impacts on the airport, it continued to look at its strategic transport focus for 2021. The three emerging focus areas include: 1. operational readiness for the planned ULEZ extension in October;</p> <p>2. mobilising a trial of electric charging at the airport for all airport users;</p> <p>3. preparation for the opening of the <i>Crossrail Elizabeth Line and better connecting to the new stations as well as continuing to work with partners to progress further feasibility studies and the business case for a new station serving Silvertown in the longer term.</i></p>	
4.3	Chris Abel (CA), Tate & Lyle (T&L) asked about the power supply for any electric charging at the airport. TH noted that the airport had recently responded to the Royal Docks teams consultation	

	<p>on future power supply needs. He also noted that the immediate requirements to run the EV trial are sufficiently catered for by the existing power supply for the City Airport Development Programme. Any future scaling up of electric charging may need to be supplemented by photovoltaics or other renewable means and that is something that the airport will be reviewing as part of the emerging Sustainability Strategy.</p>	
4.4	<p>Shamal Ratnayaka (SR) advised on behalf of TfL that while there were no in principle issues with a new Crossrail station serving Silvertown subject to it being feasible, a compelling business case would be key for TfL if it was to further consider further.</p> <p><i>TH agreed and noted the exiting policy support in Newham's Local Plan for a new station as well as previous support of Ballymore and other local partners. Both Tate and Lyle and Lendlease added that they remain supportive too and would welcome further dialogue and the progressing of additional works in collaboration with the airport and the Royal Docks team.</i></p> <p><i>TH agreed to take a lead on coordinating a future workshop involving all interested stakeholders which could identify the next steps in terms of ensuring continued policy support and understand the significant benefits to the Royal Docks of a new Silvertown station. He also noted that the C2E partnership continue to review options for an extension to the Elizabeth Line and the airport were actively engaging with them to promote a new station serving Silvertown as part of their ongoing assessment.</i></p>	TH/OW
<b>5.</b>	<b>Member updates</b>	
5.1	<p>Suzi Lane (SL) from the Royal Docks Team (RDT) updated members on their current activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albert Island proposal was approved in March 2021, subject to further discussion with LCY on safeguarding matters;</li> <li>• The Factory Project (a site adjacent to T&amp;L) will offer creative spaces that are supporting the burgeoning creative economy in the RD. The project is awarded £2.8m as part of the Royal Docks Good Growth Fund;</li> <li>• RD team's design panel is reviewing North Woolwich road infrastructure upgrades/setting up public realm forum;</li> <li>• Power supply review with UKPNS has been working in progress. The airport has contributed to the consultation;</li> <li>• City hall relocation to the Crystal has now commenced;</li> <li>• Next steps: RD team to set up developer and business working subgroup for the Royal Docks</li> </ul>	SL

	Post-mtg note: the airport and the Albert Island applicant have followed up with meetings. The safeguarding issue has now been addressed.	
5.2	Chris Abel (CA) from T&L shared details the Factory Project and expressed their support to the redevelopment scheme.	
5.3	Bob Tong (BT) from LL updated that their works on North Woolwich Road were delayed due to tree felling issues. Phase 1 of approx. 950 units at the Silvertown Quay development is due to commence at some point in 2022.	
5.4	Adesola Fagbenro (AF) from DLR/KAD mentioned that the refurbishment of LCY DLR ticket office is scheduled to complete in May 2021. She also asked if the airport could share any relevant passenger forecasts for the summer season and the remainder of 2021. OW to provide quarterly update on the forecasts to help KAD to allocate appropriate staff to the DLR platform.	OW
5.5	Richard Storer (RS) updated members that testing on the Elizabeth Line is underway and that Crossrail will aim to acquire safety approval in September 2021, with a possibility of fully opening the line to passengers early in 2022.	SR
<b>6.</b>	<b>Open Discussion</b>	
6.1	Return to office plans – members noted that the majority of stakeholders will continue to operate a work from home policy for the summer. OW noted that the airports staff liftshare scheme has been suspended until further notice.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
7.1	No further issues raised.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
8.1	<i>TBC, Aug 2021</i>	