



Meetings of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee held on Thursday 19 February at City Aviation House

Members present: George Masters (Secretary), John Shaw (Passenger Rep), Glynis Webb (vice-Chair), David Conroy (Local Resident), Duncan Ayles (LBN), Jackie Laidler (Thamesmead Resident), Tim Walker (Forest Hill Society), John Stewart (Hacan East), Cllr Andy Dourmoush, Cllr Ann Easter (LBN), Amer Sayed (Aviation Education Pathways), John Stewart (Hacan East), Luke Petherbridge (ABTA).

In attendance from LCY: Aaron Uthman (Senior Corporate & Community Stakeholder Manager), Francesca Pacifico (Head of Sustainability & Environment), Stephen Allen (Head of Planning)

Apologies: Cllr John Whitworth (LBN), Duncan Alexander (Chair), Ian Gibson, John Doherty (local resident), Alison Fitzgerald (LCY, CEO)

Other: Nick Rand (Ricardo)

1. Minutes

The meeting agreed that the minutes of the meeting which took place on 4 December are an accurate record of the meeting.

2. CEO Update

The Chair invited Stephen Allen (SA) to provide the business update. SA outlined that there had been a 4% increase in passenger volume with BACF with 65% of the volume. 60% travellers using the airport for travel with 40% for business services. Operational performance strong with 76% on-time performance for the year (a 3% increase).

Members asked whether flight numbers for 2025 were up or down? **Action:** SA to provide figures to the Committee ahead of the next meeting.

Members asked why there is a shift to leisure flights. SA stated that LCY was seen as a good airport for city breaks, while more local people were using the airport for leisure. The shift has been seen in the coming years. Members asked about advertisement methods. SA outlined that marketing campaigns did outline that LCY was a local east London airport, but most of the marketing comes from airlines. However, there are more and more routes making LCY a more attractive leisure airport. Members also asked about changes to routes. SA stated that this was a commercial decision from airlines. Members also reflected that LCY was used, from their experience, due to speed and ease of use.

3. London Airport Updates

- Airspace & Environment

Environment

The Secretary invited Francesca Pacifico to update the Committee. FP outlined that there were no specific issues which needed to be raised from the airport report.

FP invited Nick Rand (NR) to talk about Ricardo, the air quality monitoring company which has recently won the contract from LCY. NR outlined an England-wide website which sets out information around air quality which shows exact values of air quality. NR outlined the monthly (which will become quarterly) reports.

Members asked about noise and noise compliance. FP stated that the airport has not contravened noise parameters. The Chair outlined the mechanisms by which noise is monitored by the airport, including the fact that the airport was better on reporting on noise than other airports and were on the front foot with Noise Action Plans.

Members asked about monitoring of nitrogen dioxide and how that relates to aircraft climbing on departure. Members further asked why air quality monitors are where they are in E16. FP outlined that the monitors are in locations as agreed as part of planning permissions with the London Borough of Newham. Members asked the airport to look again at the placement of air quality monitors during this year's review of the action plan.

NR outlined that nitrogen dioxide emissions were much more impacted by roads versus aircraft noise. Tim Walker outlined that he would send a report to the committee about air pollution, noise and public health, this report will be sent after the meeting.

NR ran through the report specific to the airport which can be found here: [Air quality in England](#).

Members asked if there was a possibility to see what the difference is between a busy time of flights compared to a less busy flight times. NR outlined that it was possible, but easier when monitoring different pollutants.

Action: Duncan Ayles to bring the LBN Air Pollution Officer to update the committee at the next meeting.

Airspace

The Chair invited Stephen Allen to outline, the consultation strategy for the airport's airspace change proposal. SA outlined that the consultation needed to be comprehensive, inclusive, clear and adhering to gunning principles.

The slides which SA spoke to will be distributed following the meeting.

SA outlined that the consultation will be 11 weeks from 2 March to 17 May using direct and indirect engagement. This will be a digital first engagement, though in-person events will be available.

The airport will not be able to source a test-plane during the consultation despite conversations between LCY and Airbus. SA noted there are concerns around the aircraft being a test aircraft, not a fully fitted out commercial aircraft. SA outlined the sound and visual simulation of the overflights to compare new aircraft types using SoundLab. In terms of size the E-195 E2 is the most similar sized aircraft.

Members outlined that it was important to compare similar aircraft. SA stated the airport would consider this.

Members asked about the precise locations where noise was going to be simulated and whether the noise was at take-off and landing. SA outlined that he would respond to members on the exact locations (**Action:** Stephen to provide locations after the meeting). Members outlined a similar experience from the use of SoundLabs in Heathrow for the third runway. SA outlined that Heathrow's proposal was larger in terms of change, hence a less "all singing" version of SoundLabs was being used by LCY for this proposal. This was understood by the committee.

Members outlined experiences from former consultations and locations used and asked the airport to distribute hard copy material. SA outlined that the airport was chosen as a location due to its central location and following feedback from the last consultation, where attendance was extremely low. Members asked if the presentation could be shared. SA outlined that it would be shared and that feedback can be provided before and during the consultation on the process and the advertisement of it.

SA outlined how responses worked for the consultation and stated that pre-release would be looked at including for the questionnaire and the FAQs.

Action: SA to respond on these issues.

Members thanked SA for the work and discussion ahead of the consultation.

- Community

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- Planning

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- Airport Transport Forum

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4. AOB

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The Committee's next meeting will be on 4 June.

Ends.