



Minutes of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee

held on 5 September 2019, at offices of London Borough of Newham Council

Present: Duncan Alexander (Chair), Cllr James Asser (LBN), Ken Baker (MET), Joy-Caron Canter (RDLAC), Simon Dishman (LCC), Ian Gibson (WSF), Cllr James Hunt (LB Bexley), Helen Masterson (LBN), Liam McKay (LCY), Cllr Sarah Ruiz (LBN), Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald (LB Greenwich), John Shaw (Passenger Rep), Howard Sheppard (Canary Wharf), Robert Sinclair (LCY), John Stewart (Hacan East), Glynis Webb (Vice-Chair), Dave Whittaker (LBN).

In attendance from LCY: Anna Boss, Tim Halley, Liam McKay, Tessa Simpson, Aaron Uthman, Oscar Wong.

Also in attendance: Andrew Christy (Local Resident), David Conroy (Local Resident), Alan Haughton (Local Resident), Cllr Sophie McGeevor (LB Lewisham), Tim Walker (Local Resident).

1. Welcome

Dave Whittaker (LBN) welcomed members to the London Borough of Newham dockside offices. The Chair thanked the Council for hosting the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 6 June 2019

With amendments, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Members pointed out that in the last meeting a request had been made as to whether the Master Plan would be finalised before summer and whether it would be possible to not launch consultation while Heathrow consult on their draft Plan. The Chair agreed that this was raised in the last meeting, but his opinion was it was important to also maintain some momentum as he felt many of the initiatives to develop aviation strategy and improve airspace usage were taking too long. However, the Chair felt that if the consultation on the LCY Master Plan requires more time then this should be provided.

Members raised the need to review the membership of the committee. The Chair offered to formally start a process of reviewing the membership and ensuring members are informed properly ahead of the meeting. Members are invited to contact the Chair or Secretary with any suggestions.

The accuracy of the members list on the LCACC web site was also raised and the Chair made a commitment update this.

Action: Chair and Secretary to review membership and update website.

3. CEO Update

Link to the report can be found [here](#).

The Chair invited Robert Sinclair (RS) to update the Committee. RS stated that the report will be taken as read, and commented that it had been a good summer, with record numbers and no real disruption.

Members raised the need to place reports on the website ahead of the meeting. The Chair advised that reports were placed on the website ahead of the meeting but would ensure that we continue to do so and that notifications are made when this happens. If some members require printed copies of the reports, then they should raise this with the Secretary.

Members raised the need to better use waterways, including the River Thames, for construction traffic. There have also been instances of construction vehicles using residential roads. Tim Halley (TH) advised that a detailed condition documents on the use of the river Thames for construction was in place, and asked members to raise any instances of poor road usage by construction traffic to the airport. Some residents raised that whilst there had been some issues overall the construction traffic had been well managed with little impact.

Chair commented that the reports were used as a good example of airport reports to other UK ACCs and thanked the airports for continuing to set a good standard.

4. Draft Master Plan

The Chair invited Tim Halley (TH) to update members on the draft Master Plan.

The presentation will be distributed with the minutes.

TH stated that he would run through a quick summary of what is proposed, and the context to which the draft plan was created. The draft Master Plan is a non-statutory document that provides a statement of intent around how the airport could grow responsibly and sustainably to meet passenger demand to 2035. It is not a planning application.

The previous Master Plan, published in 2006, ran to 2030. The Plan needed to be reviewed due to changes in Government policy, the airport's changing passenger profile and the aircraft airlines were using in their fleet. The new draft Master Plan will now run to 2035. Demand for use of the airport is likely to increase to 11 million passengers per year in 2035, around 4% of the London market.

TH ran through the following issues on which the draft is seeking views:

- Consideration of increased flexibility in the first and last 30 minutes of operations and during the weekend;
- Sustainability commitments;
- Local jobs and benefits; and
- Proposals to operate within existing noise contour area limit and reduce that over time.

TH confirmed that no changes are proposed to the existing runway of existing 8-hour night-time ban on flights. Additionally, no new runway or terminal being considered.

Members asked for clarity as to the references to the airport's target to be carbon neutral by 2020 and net zero by 2050. Members asked for more transparent language when presenting the target. TH advised that the airport's target and commitments were scope one and two (indirect and direct emissions), but that work will continue with partners and the airline industry on their emissions associated with the airports operations.

Robert Sinclair advised that the airport was taking the issue seriously by making a commitment that LCY will only grow if airlines re-fleet to more efficient aircraft. The commitment will be verified independently as part of the noise contour area limit.

Members raised that though the airport was seeing new, quieter and more fuel-efficient aircraft, the increase in flight movements would make the overall noise climate worse. Members raised that clarity was needed on the muted flexibility in the first and last 30 minutes of the day.

TH explained the rationale behind seeking views on additional flexibility but confirmed that the airport had not sought to define any changes to the existing operation hours and restrictions. Instead feedback on the draft will be considered in the first instance.

ACTION: TH to provide clarify number of diverted flights in 2018 and delayed arrivals/departures.

Members asked about the 24hour break in flights between Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon and stated that for local people the break was key in living next to the airport. Members advised that the Mayor of Newham had written an open letter to the CEO about the definition of the weekend break but had not received a response. RS advised that he had responded to the Mayor, responding to each of the Mayor's points, but the airport had not published the letter. The airport had published some additional background reports that informed the draft Master Plan and extended the consultation period for extra 4 weeks for those who wish to review. The reports do not change any content in the draft Master Plan

Members raised that there needed to be more detail concerning proposals within the plan. The Vice Chair raised her concerns about any changes to the Saturday- Sunday break as this is significant to the quality of life for those that lived near the airport.

TH and RS advised that the plan is a high-level strategy document, not detailed proposals. Members noted that Master Plan should be communicated using accessible language, which can be understood by a layperson. TH confirmed this was the approach taken by the airport and that every effort had been made to make the documents accessible.

TH advised that the next steps were:

- The consultation would finish on 18 October (consultation can be found here: <https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/consultation>);
- When complete, a consultation report would be published taking all feedback into account, with the final Master Plan being published alongside the report;
- The airport will present the final Master Plan and headlines from the consultation report to the Committee, along with any changes made to the draft.
- If the airport takes a future decision to take forward any detailed proposals following publication of the Master Plan, these would be consulted upon separately and would be accompanied by more detailed assessments.

5. Airspace Modernisation

The Chair advised that a Department for Transport/Civil Aviation Authority £150 million project was underway to look at airspace modernisation, specifically looking into four areas of improvement:

- Emissions;
- Noise;
- Airspace Resilience; and
- Capacity

The Chair advised that the strategy board was chaired by the former Aviation Minister, Baroness Sugg CBE, and that he was pushing for the Board to create a national baseline for what works well and what doesn't regarding airspace. The review, and any changes to airspace may mean that members of the public who haven't previously been overflown, may be overflown in the future, while those overflown now, may see a reduction.

Tessa Simpson (TS) advised that the airport had proposed design principles, which would be submitted to the CAA. There would then be a public consultation on changes in 2021. Each airport was designing their own principles, though would come together to coordinate flight paths. TS advised that the airport was working closely with Heathrow and other London airports. TS also advised that the work was currently only looking at prioritisation and had not, as yet, gone into great detail. The airport was designing in line with current air movement forecasts.

6. Airport Reports

The Chair advised that the Airport reports would not be read out in full during the meeting, rather they will be taken as read. The Chair would simply open the floor to questions.

Please see link to reports [here](#).

- **Environment**

Members asked whether the data on air quality in the airport report was monitored data and if future changes in the number of aircraft movements would cause the airport to go over agreed levels. Tessa Simpson (TS) advised that the data was taken from our monitoring equipment and this was also available in real time on LCY's website. Any changes to aircraft movements are not anticipated to result in any exceedance of air pollution limit.

- **Community**

Anna Boss (AB) advised that the airport had received feedback on the airport's monthly drop-in sessions which had met in five different locations and was advertised on Facebook. In response to feedback the airport was assessing how to raise awareness about the sessions.

AB advised that the first Community Board of Trustees had met to assess grant applications from community groups for funding from the Aircraft Noise Categorisation Scheme. AB advised that 16 successful applicants had been chosen. The Chair advised that the applications were of extremely high quality, with 148 applications received. The Chair advised that community groups could continue to apply for funding even if they weren't chosen in this round.

AB advised that the next addition of E16 magazine was due in the next couple of weeks and would be distributed to a wider audience. Members raised the need to assess where the magazines were being distributed in the areas closest to the airport. This will be reviewed and, subject to conversations, actioned in 2020.

- **Planning & Airport Transport Forum**

Oscar Wong (OW) advised that the airport had been busy with the draft Master Plan, preparing CADP pre-occupation condition documents and some minor non changes to the CADP permission. OW advised that the airport had published its Annual Performance Report (APR) which is available on both the LCY and LCACC websites (<https://lcacc.org/meeting-papers-key-documents/airport-annual-performance-report/>). OW advised that the APR reports that the airport was compliant with the CADP permission for the second year in succession, but this is subject to review by the Council and will be confirmed at their Strategic Development Committee in October.

OW advised that the new Travel Plans for passengers and staff had been shared with the Airport Transport Forum and would be submitted to LBN for approval later in September.



7. Next meetings

The Committee is planning to next meet on Thursday 5 December 2019 at 4pm, at a location to be confirmed. This may change if there is better timing for the Committee to receive a presentation on the Master Plan.

The Secretary will send out placeholders for the meetings in the coming weeks. Reminders will be sent closer to the meetings.

Please note all papers can be found electronically on the LCACC website which can be found at www.lcacc.org.