

**Minutes of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee
held on 8 December 2022, at the Good Hotel, London**

Present: Duncan Alexander (Chair), Duncan Ayles (LBN), Ian Gibson, George Masters (Secretary), Stuart Pick, John Shaw (Passenger Rep), John Stewart (HACAN East), Glynis Webb (Vice-Chair), Tim Walker (Forest Hill Society).

In attendance from LCY: Robert Sinclair, Lucy Craven, Tim Halley, Liam McKay, Tessa Simpson, Aaron Uthman.

Also in attendance: Andrew Christy (local resident), John Doherty (local resident), Julian Seymour (Cratus), Sarah McKee (Cratus)

Apologies: Joy-Caron Canter (RDLAC), David Conroy (local resident)

1. Minutes of the meeting on 8 September 2022

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. CEO Update

The Chair invited Robert Sinclair (RS) to update the Committee.

RS thanked members for their attendance, and stated that the airport remained busy. Business travel continued to be strong. RS advised that overall, 3 million passengers had used the airport this year. RS advised that at present the airport was not identified as one of the airports where Border Force officials were striking.

RS advised that the airport's community work continued, with the 12 days of volunteering underway. RS also advised that the Community Fund continued to support local charities and community organisations, with a current focus on food banks. RS advised that the fund had given over £314,000 since launching in May 2019, assisting over 100 organisations.

3. Update on the airport's consultation on changes to its existing planning permission

The Chair invited Julian Seymour (JS) and Sarah McKee (SK) from Cratus Communications to brief the committee on the airport's recent consultation on changes to its existing planning permission.

The presentation will be attached to the minutes.

JS stated that the airport had run a 10-week non-statutory consultation on proposed changes to LCY's existing planning permission, from 1 July to 9 September. The consultation was to meet with the airport's slogan of above and beyond, and Cratus had been employed to make the non-statutory consultation a "best in class".

JS and SK informed the committee of the range of responses, and reflected that the consultation had showed some interesting trends. For example, pop-up events were far more popular than exhibitions, with over 1,000 responses received from pop-ups in comparison to 180 from exhibitions.

Members asked whether sufficient consultation events were organised south of the Thames, and whether there was a lack of advertising in areas of low-turnout, for example, Lewisham.

JS stated that there had been a significant drive in local newspapers as well as online, from where the majority of responses were received.

Members also asked whether those who had complained about noise to the airport in the past had been reached out to. RS advised that the individuals who had previously complained about noise were active in the consultation.

JS and SK went through responses to the nine consultation questions. The detailed responses can be found in the attached presentation. SK also stated that the Statement of Community Involvement, which was a detailed document outlining responses would be submitted alongside any planning applications.

The Chair thanked JS and SK for their thorough work and noted the lessons that were picked up by Cratus during the consultation, in particular the lack of knowledge around the sound insulation scheme.

RS thanked JS and SK for their presentation and stated that the airport had listened to the responses and made changes to their proposals as a result.

4. Update on the airport's proposed changes to its existing planning permission

The Chair invited Tim Halley (TH) to provide an update on the airport's proposals. TH stated that the airport had listened to feedback in the consultation and had amended proposals accordingly.

TH advised that this was reflected in five areas:

- Proposed Saturday extension reduced. TH advised that the airport would now propose to limit the hours on Saturday from 12:30 to 18:30 with an extra hour in summer months.
- Proposed increase to morning flights reduced. TH advised that the proposed increase to morning flights had been reduced, with the proposal changing to three additional flights.
- Last flights in the evening. TH advised that the airport was no longer looking to increase the number of flights in the evening.
- New generation aircraft. TH advised that this commitment was being retained.
- Mitigations. TH advised that the airport would look to improve mitigations such as the sound insulation scheme, the creation of a Sustainable Travel Fund and increases to the community fund, with an increase to £300,000 per annum.

TH advised that the proposals would benefit the local area, with more jobs, an increase in the number of flight destinations that the airport can offer, an extra £700million into the local economy as well as allowing the airport to accelerate net-zero commitments.

TH advised that the next steps were:

- The submission of a planning application to London Borough of Newham Council (LBN) – which was planned before Christmas.
- LCACC would be informed in writing when the application was submitted.
- Formal consultation, run by LBN, in 2023.

TH advised that there was a 16-week determination period, therefore, the airport expected a decision from LBN on the application by April or May 2023.

Members stated that they were pleased with the changes made by the airport, and that the changes, had showed the airport had listened to local communities.

5. Airspace Modernisation

Tessa Simpson (TS) advised that there was no substantive update on Airspace Modernisation. The Chair stated that the Department for Transport had attended the recent Annual UKACC's meeting at which the Chair expressed frustration at the delays to changes.

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.

- **Airspace and Environment**

Tessa Simpson (TS) advised that the airport had achieved Level 4+ "Transition" Airport Carbon Accreditation, which is the highest level of the ACA programme. LCY, alongside Heathrow, are the two airports in the UK to receive the accreditation. TS also advised that the airport would be monitoring odour from the airport in the coming weeks.

- **Community**

Aaron Uthman (AU) advised that the airport was running its annual 12 days of volunteering in the local community, with food banks being the focus of the airport's efforts. This has included the airport providing 100,000 pieces of fresh fruit to the local community through Fruit Enterprise.

- **Airport Transport Forum**

Tim Halley (TH) advised that the ATF would be expanding its membership in the new year. TH also advised that the airport had provided funding for DLR stock improvements which would be operational in 2024. TH informed members that TfL were consulting on a potential extension to the 129 Bus Route (Lewisham to North Greenwich), that would stop at the airport from 2025.

7. AOB

Members informed the committee about a recent meeting with the LCY regarding noise of new-generation aircraft. Members stated that the airport needed to be clearer with stakeholders about the level of noise that new generation aircraft make. Members stated that though new aircraft were significantly quieter on departure, there was not a noticeable difference during level-flight.

Members also asked about an apparently disused site near Oasis Academy. TH advised that the airport had not forgotten the site and had options which they were assessing.

8. Next meetings

The Committee will next meet in 2023 on the following dates:

- 4.00pm, 9 March 2023
- 4.00pm, 8 June 2023
- 4.00pm, 7 September 2023
- 4.00pm, 7 December 2023



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

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