

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting
held at East Midlands Airport
24 February 2017

Present:

Independent Chairman

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

Users:

Consumers' Association/WHICH
DHL Aviation (UK) Ltd

Dr A Manhire & Mr I Jones
Mr P Hewett

Local Authorities:

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

Cllr L Care
Cllr R Davison
Mr R Parkinson
Cllr T Pendleton
Cllr D Stevenson
Cllr A Brown
Cllr M Males
Councillor J Harrison

Local Groups:

CPRE Notts & Rushcliffe
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
Kings Newton Residents Association
Leics & Rutland Association of Local Councils
Melbourne Civic Society
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
PAIN - People Against Intrusive Noise
Save Aston & Weston Village Environments (SAVE)
WINGS

Ms B Walker
Cllr S Jackson
Mr S Leech
Cllr A Sowter
Dr P Grimley
Cllr B Briggs
Mrs P Beddoe
Mr J Gidlow
Mr I Robertson

East Midlands Airport:

CSR Director
Customer Services and Security Director
Corporate Social Responsibility Manager
Head of External Affairs
Minute Secretary

Mr N Robinson
Mr J Fowler
Ms C Hempson
Mr J Kelly
Mrs A Lamin

17/01

APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from N Chischniak, C Hobson, D Gillingwater, L Budd, Cllr C Smith, EMA Airport Duty Manager and A Cliffe. Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in planning matters relating to NWLDC.

17/02

a. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 14 October 2016 were accepted as a true record.

b. **MATTERS ARISING**

16/18 (i) Agenda item 8 – CAA Drone Consultation, the presentation by the CAA was deferred to a future meeting as the CAA were unable to attend this meeting. A subcommittee of MENT and TEP members has been set up and it was agreed the subcommittee will make a response on behalf of the ICC by the CAA deadline. Further information will be circulated to ICC members.

16/18 (ii) Issues raised by a member on Webtrak were being dealt with outside the meeting. EMA confirmed that Webtrak is fully available and operational.

16/18 & 16/19 (i) It was confirmed and agreed that the member request to increase membership of MENT should be dealt with at the appropriate ICC meeting dealing with the nomination and election of sub group members. The member requested that an additional representative attend appropriate meetings when particular matters are raised. It was confirmed and agreed that the ICC structure enables representation by elected committee members. Any future requests would be dealt with on an individual basis.

16/19 (ii) EMA confirmed that Mr Paul Harper, Assistant Director, Midlands Border Force has been invited to the next TEP meeting and will be invited to one ICC and two TEP meetings each year.

16/21 Copy slides from the presentation 'Commercial Update' by Julian Carr, Commercial Director will be circulated to ICC members with the MENT and TEP meeting minutes.

ACTION: EMA

17/03

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(i) A resignation letter from Ms Christine Barker, representing CPRE Derbyshire, has been received. The Chairman will write to Ms Barker inviting her to the next meeting and to accept her resignation with regret and thanks for her contribution to the ICC. EMA will contact CPRE to invite a replacement representative.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN & EMA

(ii) A recent UKACC sub group meeting considered a number of papers covering CAA and DfT consultations including:

- DfT Consultation on UK Airspace – deadline 25 May
- DfT Airspace and Noise Engagement Group set up
- CAA Airspace Change Process consultation
- CAA Community Discussion Forum set up – reviewing national policies with chairs and representatives of ICCs. ICC members agreed Dr Paul Grimley would attend on behalf of the chairman as appropriate.
- Airport Capacity NPS (National Policy Statement)
- Aviation Strategy – discussion papers to be published
- Drones
- CAA Final Report on Surface Access
- CAA directive to 30 largest airports to make improvements in facilities for PRMs & Hidden Disability passengers

A member recommended that NHS experts/Dementia Friends be consulted in relation to passenger access, décor and noise issues.

A future agenda item was agreed to review Disability Issues and Plans at EMA.

ACTION: EMA

EMA confirmed that the volume of consultations over the next 18 months is very high and EMA will continue to review involvement with ICC members.

It was agreed that member recommendations or comments on the CAA website be raised with the CAA at the deferred presentation.

- (iii) It was agreed that the Chairman will liaise with the airport to either set up specific groups to include the Vice Chairman, to enable responses to be sent as appropriate within specific timescales.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN/EMA

17/04

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

- (i) Reviewed and discussed as circulated. Key points included:

- Passenger volumes have continued to perform above expectation, with further increases anticipated in the summer
- Progress on the DHL development
- Key business route promotion in conjunction with BMI and the British Chambers of Commerce
- Successful completion of the runway overlay project. Landscaping will be completed. The disturbance to passengers and users was mitigated throughout the project and the EMA operation could be used as a blueprint for future airport development.
- Immigration and security space reconfiguration
- New car parking barrier system in place

Member comments included:

- Congratulations to EMA on completing the runway project and the complex work undertaken
- EMA will investigate mounds of material still in situ at the Kegworth end of the runway
- Query on why passenger numbers are increasing despite the current economic concerns. EMA advised one reason could be that fuel is purchased two or three years ahead so the effects of increased prices have not yet been felt by passengers. EMA passengers are mainly leisure travellers
- A member outlined a recent experience at Manchester when six aircraft landed within ten minutes resulting in a 2.5 hour delay in getting through immigration and asked that EMA does not adopt the Manchester systems. EMA confirmed liaison with Border Force and advised the situation is unlikely to occur at EMA but flexibility is included in all plans.
- A member said servicing for automatic passport machines should be available. Manchester are implementing a 'charging lane' for faster access with the fees being used by Border Force to increase the service. The member said this condones inefficiency. EMA confirmed that consideration is being given to providing this option to passengers. A member was opposed to paying extra for services which he felt to be divisive.
- A member said that immigration from the EU will change and this has not been anticipated by Border Force or airports

- (ii) **Connectivity for Growth 2017 – 2027**

Details were circulated and reviewed. Details included:

- £2.5m EMA Rail Enhancement package
- Remapping and extending the Birmingham to Leicester rail service

- Improving and developing new services
- Improving current timetable
- 'Improving the rail services to East Midlands Parkway will make it easier for businesses, people looking for work and local families going on holiday to access the world of opportunities the airports offers' – LLEP
- 'Improving the airport's rail connectivity is vital to ensure that the growth of EMA benefit the whole region and that the East Midlands becomes an even more attractive place to invest' – D2N2 LEP
- Members are requested to share the details and pamphlets available with colleagues
- Support for rail links with EMA is needed
- All comments to Jack Kelly e: jack.kelly@eastmidlandsairport.com

(iii) **Key comments included:**

- Recent announcements confirm there will not be an HS2 rail station at EMA. Toton is favoured. It is not possible to build a station at the airport as it would need to be elevated and the cost would be prohibitive.
- EMA are not against a station at the airport but are not at the forefront of recommendations
- A member said there is no transport from Toton to the airport so people cannot apply for airport jobs without private transport
- Railway connection should be encouraged and would increase opportunities available to the East Midlands
- A member objected to the new name – East Midlands Parkway – as this is too long and the station is not an airport station which is misleading
- A separate submission has been made for the Derby/Crewe/Nottingham service and liaison is needed
- Rail lines outlined in the pamphlet are not continuous services – the illustrations are misleading
- Passengers from Crewe use Skylink to get to Derby to avoid rail changes
- A member said 'well done' and proposals outline where we could be however the vision has to be multi-modal. Other layers of transport and links need to be considered and included.
- Nottingham Express Tramline should be reviewed to give access to the airport
- 24hour access to Roxhill will be needed and therefore Toton, Roxhill and Parkway access to EMA by tram, road and rail should be all be under consideration.

17/05

AIRPORT UPDATE

The reports were accepted as circulated:

- a. Traffic Statistics
- b. Planning Applications
- c. Community Relations Update
- d. Passenger Services Report (previously circulated)
- e. Environment Update

Comments included:

- Long Whatton concerns over increased noise from training flights noted. EMA will review the circuits noting comments received also from other villages north and south of the airport
- No fines have been levied for aircraft noise, a member reiterated reducing the noise thresholds for fines – EMA confirmed this is scheduled for review at the next MENT meeting
- EMA confirmed that any particular noise events will be investigated but members said that following consistent complaints there has been no improvement
- A member asked that training flights should not be re-routed over villages

- that already suffer 70/80% of scheduled flights
- A member queried a satisfactory solution for everyone, training flights are necessary, and one member suggested flying training flights at increased heights.

17/06

MELBOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY – AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dr Paul Grimley outlined this review to the end of 2016.

The report monitors passenger and cargo traffic, noise and employment at EMA compared with forecasts from the airport's 2015 Sustainable Development Plan.

Passenger numbers rose below the plan trend line, freight tonnage increased in line with the plan, mail tonnage fell considerably lower than plan.

Night noise has increased for the past three years contrary to plan assumptions. Sustainable Aviation (SA) has developed the concept of a Noise Road Map. Melbourne Civic Society suggests that EMA develop a Noise Road Map for the airport to show how the noise assumptions in the 2015 Development Plan can be achieved and will inform the various charging and operational reviews promised in the plan.

EMA thanked Dr Grimley for the considered information presented. The ADP is over 25 years and this review is after one year. There is a need for information to be collated and reviewed long term. Airlines have ordered new aircraft which will show benefits long term. This is a complex situation and assurance is given that the plan will be continually reviewed and that long term the projections will be met.

Dr Grimley said that over the last five years overall aircraft noise has increased which is against trend and actions were needed now to increase the chances of reaching the long term projections.

The Chairman and members thanked Dr Grimley for the detailed information provided and noted concerns made on the increase in flights, night time passengers and night noise. This issues will continue to be considered and monitored by MENT.

17/07

NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (NPS) STATEMENT AND CONSULTATION

Jack Kelly outlined details which included:

- 2017 Focus on Aviation Policy – mainly Heathrow
 - Heathrow third runway – benefits, conditions and next steps
 - Airspace management – Dft Strategy for UK Aviation
- Speaker for ICC presentation to be arranged

ACTION: EMA

Neil Robinson outlined details which included:

- Policy – Airspace and Noise – consultations ongoing
- Key framework for balanced decisions on design v use of airspace
- The case for airspace change
 - Growth / International regulations / Modern technologies / new opportunities
- Change processes
- Assessing noise impacts and options
- Concentration v dispersion
- Compensation / sound insulation
- New national noise body with Independent Commissioner on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN)
- Designation – local not national

A member said that industry works to the standards set. Constant changes create

uncertainty and care should be taken not to drive away business. Employment issues also need consideration.

A member endorsed local decision making but when decisions are made these need to be owned and accepted. In relation to the potential for greater concentration of routes the pain needs to be shared possibly by rotating routes.

Copies of the presentation slides will be circulated with the meeting minutes.

ACTION: EMA

17/08

CAA DRONE CONSULTATION

- (i) The presentation by the CAA was deferred to the next meeting. The detailed information circulated was noted.
- (ii) As set out in 17/02 (b) a subcommittee of MENT and TEP members has been agreed and it was agreed the subcommittee will make a response on behalf of the ICC by the CAA deadline. Further information will be circulated to ICC members.

17/09

DHL TOUR

This was proposed for a suitable time around the June ICC meeting. Details will be circulated nearer the time.

ACTION: EMA

17/10

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Webtrak presentation**
- **UKBF on Customs**
- **CAA on Drone Education programme – June meeting**
- **DHL Tour – June meeting**
- **CAA directive – Disability issues and plans – EMA**
- **DfT Strategy for UK Aviation**

17/11

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16 June 2017 at the Airport Administration Building

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