

East Midlands Airport
Monitoring, Environment, Noise and Track (MENT) Sub Committee

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting
held at East Midlands Airport on Friday 29 January 2016

Present:

Independent Facilitator & Chair

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

Organisation:

Nottinghamshire County Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Leicestershire County Council
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
Consumers' Association/WHICH
Melbourne Civic Society
PAIN – People Against Intrusive Noise
DHL Aviation Ltd
Kings Newton Residents Association

Councillor A Brown
Councillor M Males
Mr T Pendleton
Councillor B Briggs
Mr I Jones & Dr A Manhire
Dr P Grimley
Mrs P Beddoe
Mr P Hewett
Mr S Leech

East Midlands Airport:

Environment Adviser MAG
Environment Adviser MAG
Minute Secretary

Mr A Freeman
Mr D Foote
Mrs A Lamin

16/01M APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies and no declarations of interest.

16/02M MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September were accepted as a true record subject to the inclusion of apologies received for the meeting from Mr S Leech.

b) Action points not covered in the agenda:

15/15M DHL Green Strategies

It was confirmed that DHL use separate fuel tanks for different operations and have their own supply for vehicles. Efficiency and safety are paramount. Further information is available from Peter Hewett at DHL if required.

15/22M NPR with Track Density details as at August and October 2015 were tabled and reviewed.

A Control Tower visit is proposed for the next MENT meeting date – 3 June 2016. Details will be circulated in advance of the meeting and security requirements outlined.

ACTION: EMA

15/25M Analysis of Positioning Flights 2015, airlines and aircraft types was tabled and reviewed. It was confirmed that aircraft coming in to pick up cargo are not included as ATMs but all aircraft are included in the noise contours. Paul Grimley will review the information further with EMA outside this meeting.

16/03M CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

No additional comments were made. Relevant updates will be given to the ICC meeting.

16/04M AIRSPACE CHANGE PROCESS

Copies of the recent study by Helios for CAA were circulated. Helios were contracted by the CAA to undertake an independent review of its airspace change (AC) decision making process. The comprehensive report presents the results of that review along with recommendations for a revised AC process.

It was agreed that members have the opportunity to read the Study and discuss any issues further at the next MENT meeting.

ACTION: EMA

A member outlined a background of public disquiet in the South East and Edinburgh relating to the proposed changes and that these changes could impact on the Midlands. There is concern on what the CAA will do next.

EMA advised the process is driven at European and UK level, region by region. Interest and impact will be monitored.

Members requested that EMA advise and report on CAA actions to MENT and this was accepted.

16/05M NOISE RELATED CHARGES

(i) Copies of 'CAP 1119 Environmental Charging – Review of impact of noise and NOx landing charges' were circulated and reviewed.

Details and discussion included:

- Purpose and scope
- Principles of noise related charging
- Noise related charging in practice
- Possible effects of noise related charges
- Principles of emissions-related charging
- Emission related charging in practice
- Possible effects of emissions related charges
- Issues for consideration
- Conclusions, previous studies and sources of information

(ii) **Key points raised included:**

Charging:

- a)
- EMA commitments set out in the SDP
 - Airline businesses include all necessary business costs. Best practice, conforming to rules and regulations, business culture all contribute to the responsibility and operation of airlines. Restrictions at EMA apply
 - Members felt EMA compound problems by allowing night-time humanitarian flights
 - EMA confirmed only licensed aircraft are allowed to fly – charges are at the discretion of the airport
 - The report was commissioned by the DfT and the CAA determining best practice
 - EMA confirmed a review will follow and EMA compares favourably with other airports. Legal limits apply at Heathrow and there is more flexibility at EMA
 - EMA advised that scheduling processes pick up any repetitive or negative changes in patterns
 - There is currently differentiation between cargo and passenger flights – the review would consider this
 - DHL confirmed that different types of aircraft are used for passenger and cargo
 - Concern expressed over a 'one size fixes all' approach and agreed that a balance is needed between environmental and commercial benefits
 - Member requested assurance that marginal flights are dealt with fairly

b) Noise Certification/Chapters

David Foote presented details. Copies of the slide presentation will be circulated to members.

ACTION: EMA

Details included:

- Noise measurement units
- Lateral and flyover measurement points
- Requirement – QC groups/Arrivals and Departures

- Current charges – Passenger and Cargo – night supplement
- Noise Exemptions – all aircraft must be Chapter 3 compliant

Members agreed the information provided was informative with many details to be absorbed.

16/06M RESULTS FROM NOISE MONITORING

David Foote outlined details. Previous reviews of noise charges dictated that information through noise monitoring was needed. The SDP outlines proposals for review. Information is gathered from five noise monitors, loud noise events and distribution. Noise events from two monitors are recorded on the EMA website. It was agreed that information from all five monitors will be provided to the next MENT meeting to facilitate discussion on issues and noise charging.

ACTION: EMA

16/07M ROXHILL STRATEGIC RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

A member expressed concern on the development which has been approved subject to judiciary review and inaccurate press reports which could impact on EMA.

Members expressed concerns relating to surface access through the addition of 7,000 jobs and air quality issues.

EMA and DHL reiterated no involvement with the project and it was agreed discussion is not in the remit of MENT, but noted for information only.

A member requested that future agenda items and discussion do not include issues that are not relevant to EMA or MENT.

16/08M FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING

Proposed agenda items as detailed in Minute 15/26M were reviewed and updated.

It was agreed that future Agenda would include the item 'Future Agenda Planning' with the following suggestions initially included, to be updated at each meeting:

- (i) Review of Sustainable Development Plan 2015/16 – EMA to determine timetable for a programme of reviews
- (ii) Noise Penalty Scheme/Noise Charging Scheme – Night time and freight charges/noise system demonstration
- (iii) Renewable energy
- (iv) Winter operations/foams/spill responses/noise
- (v) Training flights
- (vi) SIGS review
- (vii) Other topics generated by stakeholder interest

ACTION: EMA

16/09M ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

The information circulated was reviewed. Noise Contour information will be provided to Paul Grimley as soon as this available to enable a report to be presented to the next ICC meeting. The significant decrease in the number of complaints was noted.

The 2015 information on noise contours will be available for the next meeting, as well as information on SIGS. A member expressed disappointment that the 2015 information was not available for this meeting.

ACTION: EMA

16/10M DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday 3 June 2016 at 10.00am

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