

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting
held at DHL Offices, East Midlands Airport
6 March 2015

Present:

Independent Chairman

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

Users:

Consumers' Association/WHICH
DHL Aviation Ltd
Derby, Notts & Leics Chamber of Commerce
Loughborough University

Dr A Manhire
Mr P Hewett
Mr C Hobson
Dr D Gillingwater

Local Authorities:

East Staffordshire Borough Council
Erewash Borough Council
North West Leicestershire District Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor C Smith
Councillor R Parkinson
Councillor D Stevenson
Councillor M Males
Councillor J Harrison

Local Groups:

CPRE Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe
CPRE Derbyshire
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
Kings Newton Residents Association
Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils
Melbourne Civic Society
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
PAIN - People Against Intrusive Noise
SAVE - Save Aston Village Environment
WINGS

Mrs B Walker
Ms C Barker
Councillor S Jackson
Mr S Leech
Councillor A Sowter
Dr P Grimley
Mr I Smith
Mrs P Beddoe
Mr J Gidlow
Mr I Robertson

East Midlands Airport:

Managing Director
Principal Planner
Passenger Services Manager
Minute Secretary

Mr A Cliffe
Mr J Bottomley
Mrs Tatjana Walker
Mrs A Lamin

- 15/01 **APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
Apologies were received from Mr G Kelly, Cllr K Jones, Mr T Pendleton, Cllr A Brown, Mr H Ebison & Ms C Hempson. Councillor Stevenson declared an interest in NWLDC planning matters.
- 15/02 a. The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2014 were accepted as a true record.
b. Matters arising:
14/23(i)
Thanks were expressed to EMA for the recent comprehensive tour of the terminal redevelopments. Members said the new facilities are exceptional and congratulated EMA on the work undertaken. A visit to the control tower was requested when possible and ICC members were encouraged to take up future offers of airport tours.

14/23 (vi)
EMA will provide details of income from Wi-fi charges to the next ICC meeting
ACTION: EMA
- 15/03 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** (received following three presentations)
- (i) Following a request, the subject of surface water discharge from the airport will be included on the agenda for the next ICC meeting.
ACTION: EMA
 - (ii) A recent report indicated that London City airport's car parking charges are the most expensive in the world. London City airport's response was that alternatives are available including public transport facilities. EMA said charges stated may apply to short stay car parking and there are a number of different car park products available at UK airports.
 - (iii) ONS reports that UK flight passenger numbers have more than doubled since 1991 to 230m in 2013.
 - (iv) EMA is to become a hub for police aircraft and a helicopter. The National Police Air Service reports four fixed wing aircraft and one helicopter will be based at EMA from 2016. More details will be provided to ICC members in due course. EMA confirmed there would be no flight restrictions on these aircraft.
 - (v) EMA reports a record year for freight handling with a 3.6% increase on the previous year. EMA is the UK's busiest freight airport with over 200 aircraft each year.
 - (vi) Ian Biddulph, Chair of CPRE East Midlands region, has requested membership of ICC replacing the individual Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire representation. The existing Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire representatives present felt it inappropriate to have one regional representative and EMA confirmed the preference to maintain the principle of single, individual representatives from each area. It was suggested that the applicant join the ICC as representative for Leicestershire. EMA will respond accordingly to CPRE and report to the next meeting. The Chairman placed on record appreciation and thanks to Mrs Walker and Ms Barker, who represent CPRE Nottinghamshire & Rushcliffe, and Derbyshire respectively for their contributions to the ICC.
ACTION: EMA
 - (vii) EMA outlined the recent power failure issues at the airport which had been reported in the press. The main system and the back-up system failed resulting in a small number of flight diversions and some delays. A temporary back-up system was brought in. All systems are set with safety as

the first priority and are tested regularly. This was an unexpected failure. Repairs will be concluded this week.

15/04 **UK BORDER FORCE – GENERAL UK BORDER CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Denise Heaney, Assistant Director Midlands, and Steve Terry, EMA Border Force outlined details. Key points included:

What is Border Force:

Formed from HM Customs & HM Immigration, concentrating on inbound traffic including people, items and freight.

Currently running an intensive exercise at EMA testing the soon to be introduced outbound departure checks.

Rigorous security screening continues for departures.

Border Force works closely with airport staff and on-site police. Teams of mobile staff are available for deployment. Duties and responsibilities of Border Force officers were outlined.

A member asked for information on controls for animals and plants. UKBF advised that freight operators undertake rigorous checks on all freight, including paperwork checks. Food Health Inspectors and Trading Standards Officers undertake rigid checks at EMA. Passengers are subject to baggage checks. EMA handles mainly EU traffic and comparable standards with the UK are maintained. Flights from outside the are checked. Targeted checks are also undertaken as well as checking transit passengers. IT developments enable improved targeting, contingency and support arrangements.

Significant changes have taken place within the organisation and 95% of EMA staff are now fully trained to both Customs and Immigration requirements.

UKBF thanked EMA for good collaborative working arrangements and continuing co-operation. The Chairman thanked the UKBF representatives for the presentation and information provided.

15/05 **DHL DEVELOPMENT**

(i) Peter Hewett presented details of the proposed DHL expansion at EMA, for information prior to planning submissions. Headlines included:

- Additional 20,000 sq metres of warehouse
- Additional 40 truck doors and van delivery bays
- Potential for multi-level car park
- Central hub for 20 additional European vehicles/truck operations
- Deliverables outlined, the timescale is to complete in late 2016 for 2017 operation
- Expanded Quality Control Centre and GFPS facility
- Potential to use solar panels on the roof of the new building
- Total spend £120m, with automation cost £80m which will handle 50k shipments every hour
- Enhanced facilities and services for staff and customers
- Security is key factor for shipments
- DHL aircraft activity outlined – quieter, newer, bigger aircraft introduced – but no increase in numbers from 15 years ago

Members requested copies of the information presented, to be circulated with the meeting minutes.

ACTION: EMA

(ii) The following information was provided in response to members' questions:

- Health checks are undertaken for all staff working night shifts. 20% of DHL staff have been employed for over 20 years and medical advice indicates that permanent night working is better than changing shift patterns.
- Facilities elsewhere on the airport site currently leased to DHL will be vacated and activity centralised at the hub building. The buildings released will be

- available for lease to other companies.
- The development will increase the number of HGV movements, a further 20 inbound and 20 outbound. However overall HGV movements will reduce as trucks will pick up directly from customers and deliver to EMA cutting out an interim London transfer point.
- Cargo is not fumigated, this is not required.
- DHL will employ 2,100 people and their activities will be consolidated on the hub site.
- DHL advised no stake in the proposed rail depot – DHL air freight business does not fit with rail.

(iii) The WINGS representative thanked Peter Hewett for the excellent presentation but outlined in detail a number of concerns including :

- Public car parking / village parking problems
- The effect on ATM's
- Aircraft noise impact
- Ground noise effects
- Transport issues
- Flooding concerns

(iv) Councillor Stevenson advised that he was not able to remain in the meeting if discussion on these issues continued.

DHL advised that the planning application has still to be submitted and it was not appropriate to discuss the issues raised at this meeting.

The Chairman asked it be recorded that comments had been received from the WINGS representative. It was agreed that it was inappropriate for the detailed issues raised to be discussed at the ICC. WINGS were advised that it would be more appropriate for them to deal directly with the NWLDC Planning Authority when it considers an application and seeks consultation on it. This was endorsed by all present.

Details of the DHL proposals were available on presentation boards for ICC members to view and discuss as appropriate.

15/06 **MELBOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT**

(i) Dr Paul Grimley outlined details of the report circulated. Key points included:

- This year's report is longer as usual is due to transition of reporting to the new Masterplan
- Passenger growth is slower than shown in the previous plan
- Freight shows growth over a longer period
- The number of night freight flights has fallen
- Night Noise is reaching a point where the impact of improving aircraft is reducing
- ATMs – Disappointing that passenger night flights will increase
- Request that MENT and ICC be included in discussions relating to the review of the airport's noise-related charges
- A member challenged the statement that the impact of improved aircraft is not great. Dr Grimley said the impact is less noticeable than in the past.

Members agreed this is an excellent report for debate and discussion and thanks were expressed to Dr Grimley for the information provided.

(ii) Comments included:
It is acknowledged that passenger flights are increasing but these should not be at night.

DHL outlined the advantages of using larger aircraft on short-haul routes. Short haul flights operated by larger aircraft use less fuel and are therefore quieter than aircraft operating to long-haul destinations.

A member queried the calculation of 'average' noise levels, whereas specific flights are noisy and therefore an additional measure of individual aircraft is needed.

It was confirmed that penalties for night noise and scheduling limits are in place and tightly controlled by the airport. There has been a considerable decrease in the number of noise related complaints received – approximately 850 in 2014 compared to around 8,000 in 2006.

It was confirmed that the current noise level measures used at EMA are consistent with those used across the EU, The Sustainable Development Plan sets out proposals to review the airport's noise penalties. MENT are reviewing the monitoring and reporting processes including the debate on whether average levels are an appropriate measurement.

15/07 **NEW ICC CONSTITUTION**

The Chairman advised that two meetings had been held where the sub-group had reviewed and agreed the recommendations.

Following discussion, all present agreed to accept the recommendations as reviewed by the sub-group. Details of changes to the ICC Constitution will be circulated to the next meeting.

ACTION: EMA

The Chairman stood down and the Vice Chairman outlined the proposed change to the Constitution that the ICC Chairman be appointed for a period of five years, for a maximum of two terms of office.

EMA outlined the proposal that the existing Chairman be appointed for five years effective from now. This proposal was endorsed and agreed by all present with the option for a second term of five years to be reviewed in 2020.

15/08 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EMA confirmed publication in March. ICC members will be notified on publication and copies will be available.

ACTION: EMA

The timescale for reviews of the noise penalty scheme will be presented to MENT.

ACTION: EMA

15/09 **AIRPORT REPORTS**

The following reports were reviewed as circulated:

- a) Finance statistics
- b) Community Relations update
- c) Planning applications
- d) Passenger Services report
- e) Environment report

Planning:

DHL confirmed that the scoping document for the development proposals has been submitted to NWLDC but no formal planning application has yet been submitted. EMA advised that HS2 are undertaking a review of potential route alignments in the area around EMA.

Environment:

Following a member's request, EMA will advise the ICC on the availability of noise information through the upgraded Webtrak system.

ACTION: EMA

15/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

3 July 2015 at 10am at DHL, EMA.