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Present: Mr V Astling OBE - Chairman

In attendance from Birmingham International Airport Ltd:

Joe Kelly	-	Acting Managing Director
Steve Hill	-	Head of Planning and Transportation
Jack Wilson	-	Head of Community and Environment
Ben Hanley	-	Environment Manager

In attendance from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council:

Mr L Stevenson	-	Representing the Secretariat
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Balsall Common Residents Association	-	Mr D Ellis
Balsall Parish Council	-	Cllr M Longfield
Barston Parish Council	-	Cllr D Read
Berkswell Parish Council	-	Cllr R Lloyd
Bickenhill Parish Council	-	Cllr J Williams
Birmingham City Council	-	Cllr J Whorwood
Birmingham City Council	-	Mr G Tringham
Birmingham City Council	-	Cllr M Byrne
Cityjet	-	Mrs H Potts
Consumers Association	-	Mr P Orton
Coventry City Council	-	Cllr B Kelsey
Dudley MBC	-	Cllr K Turner
Fordbridge Town Council	-	Cllr L Sorrell
Friends of Elmdon	-	Mr G Davison
Hampton in Arden Parish Council	-	Cllr C Bowen
Kingshurst Parish Council	-	Cllr B Mulready
Knowle Society	-	Mrs E Baker
Marston Green Residents Association	-	Mr J Stevens
North Warwickshire Borough Council	-	Cllr G Sherratt

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Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	-	Cllr T Crumpton
Sheldon Residents Association	-	Mrs M Kennett
Smith's Wood Parish Council	-	Cllr F Churchill
Solihull Chamber of Commerce	-	Mrs D Fennell
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	-	Cllr A Martin
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	-	Mr P Kershaw
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	-	Mr L Osborne
Warwickshire County Council	-	Cllr M Heatley
Warwick District Council	-	Cllr G Guest
Wolverhampton City Council	-	Cllr P Wilson
The Wychwood Club	-	Mr G Heaps

Apologies were received on behalf of: -

Bickenhill Parish Council	-	Cllr S Mills
Chestnuts Neighbourhood Forum	-	Mr S S Degun
Catherine de Barnes Residents Association	-	Mr R Hogg
Hampton Society (and Chairman of EMWG)	-	Mr A Minton
Hampton Society	-	Mr D Morgan
Knowle Society	-	Mr J Rowley
Mirfield Housing Liaison Board	-	Mr A Middleton
Passenger Representative	-	Mrs R Tyler
Staffordshire County Council	-	Cllr R N Smith

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed Cllr P Wilson, Wolverhampton City Council and Mrs E Baker, substitute member for The Knowle Society to their first meetings.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee, held on 21st May 2008 were submitted.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

- (i) That item 1, "Welcome by Chairman etc", be amended in the first line to read "..... Cllr R Lloyd from Berkswell Parish Council".

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3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) – queried item 9 “Civil Aviation Act 2006 – Implementation of New Powers” to the effect that confirmation was sought that the Committee’s response had been sent to the Department for Transport. The Secretariat confirmed that it had.

Birmingham City Council (Mr G Tringham) – referred to item 8 “Proposed Runway Extension – Health Impact Assessment” and advised the Committee of a publication in an independent journal which had been complimentary towards the Airport Company’s’ HIA process. (The article is reproduced at Appendix B).

RESOLVED

That the matters arising be noted.

4. AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2008

The Airport Company presented their Airport Activities report for the period April to June 2008. The contents of the report, on the following topics, were taken as read:

- Passenger, Cargo and Aircraft Movements.
- Flight Punctuality Statistics.
- Market Development – Aviation and Commercial.
- Customer Services.
- Operations.
- Airport Development.
- Community & Environment.
- Planning and Transportation.

Discussion Points

Balsall Common Residents Association (Mr D Ellis) – stated that the vehicle parking and access arrangements that were located in the surface Long-Stay Car Park 1, providing up to 60 minutes of free parking should be better publicised. The Airport Company explained that they were in the process of reviewing and improving signage and routes into the Airport site which would include some standardised colour coding.

The Airport Company - explained further that proposals for a Red Route within the Airport site were currently being developed. Although the roads within the Airport site were private roads, they were deemed to be public highway for the purposes of regulation and enforcement. The Red Route proposal would be subject to the formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedures in the near future.

North Warwickshire Borough Council (Cllr G Sherratt) - stated that the Airport Company needed to exercise some caution when developing proposals for colour coded routes into the Airport site. He considered that visitors to BIA who suffered from colour blindness may be disadvantaged. The Airport Company explained that such proposals would be developed carefully, observing all relevant guidelines.

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (Cllr A Martin) - stated that in terms of collecting friends or relatives from the Airport, flight arrival information should be posted on information boards located in the car parks and on the approaches to the Airport site. The Airport Company explained that up to the minute flight arrival information was already available via telephone. Signing live information on the public highway could pose a road safety risk as it was deemed to be a potential distraction to motorists.

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The Consumers Association (Mr P Orton) – stated that information given at an early stage through an appropriate media was crucial to effective passenger throughput.

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) – spoke with regard to Section 11 of the report, Planning and Transportation and sought clarification from the Airport Company as to the statement in the report regarding expired reserved matters planning applications. The Airport Company explained that in terms of development control, the existing Outline Planning Approval, whereby Reserved Matters Planning Applications for development at the Passenger Terminal site could have been submitted to Solihull MBC had expired with effect from 3 July 2008. In addition, the Airport Company highlighted a number of aspects of the report regarding developmental works on or around the Airport site.

Wolverhampton City Council (Cllr P Wilson) – spoke with regard to the Terminal 1 International Pier Replacement and asked if that scheme would allow landings for the Airbus A380. The Airport Company advised that it wouldn't. The replacement of the Terminal 1 International Pier would cater for (up to) Code E aircraft, i.e. Boeing 747 long haul or equivalent.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

5. PROPOSED RUNWAY EXTENSION – PROGRESS REPORT

The Airport Company presented its sixth report seeking to update Members on the progress made thus far regarding the proposed Runway Extension.

Discussion Points

Berkswell Parish Council (Cllr R Lloyd) – sought clarification from Solihull MBC that the Parish Council's comments made towards the Planning Application consultation had been received. Solihull MBC confirmed that they had.

Dudley MBC (Cllr K Turner) – asked whether or not the Airport Company intended to circulate the plans electronically. The Airport Company explained that the Planning Application was now lodged with Solihull MBC and they were responsible for any pre-decision consultation.

The Consumers Association (Mr P Orton) – asked whether the or not the development timeframes were still on target for the first flights from the extended runway to begin in 2012. The Airport Company stated that, subject to planning consent being granted, that was still the intention.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2008

The Airport Company presented their Environment Monitoring Report for the period April to June 2008. The report, which set out the following key headings, was taken as read:-

- Noise Control.
- Air Traffic.
- Air Quality.
- Complaints.
- Community Schemes.
- Surface Water.

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- Waste (Recycled).
- Energy.

Discussion Points

Warwick District Council (Cllr G Guest) – addressed section 4 of the report – “Community Complaints” and stated that Warwick was exposed to three different aircraft arrival tracks which triggered regular complaints to Warwick District councillors. The Airport Company explained that from that distance to the Airport site, aircraft would not have reached the Instrument Land System (ILS) and therefore would not be under ILS control at that point.

Balsall Parish Council (Cllr M Longfield) – recalled that the ILS had been inoperative on a number of occasions in recent times and asked the Airport Company if any records had been kept during those periods. The Airport Company explained that they could provide information from the last quarter for the periods when the ILS was non-operational. The Airport Company also explained that BIA now issued a community notification if the ILS was inoperative which was said to inevitably heighten awareness amongst the local communities towards aircraft activities which may have been a contributory factor to the number of recorded complaints for off-track flying. The Committee was also advised that planned discussions with NATS would take place and the results would be reported back to Environment Monitoring Working Group for consideration at a future meeting.

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) – spoke with regard to section 3 of the report – “Air Quality” and observed that the number of Ozone exceedances for the 2nd quarter of 2008 was notable. Mr P Kershaw (Specialist EHO, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council) explained that Ozone was a trans-boundary pollutant which was a national issue, rather than a concern which should be addressed locally or regionally. The Committee was advised that the exceedances noted within the report were likely not to be attributable to the Airport’s activities, but rather its location to the south of the urban areas of Birmingham.

Mr Stevens also questioned the need to continue to report on Ozone, given that Solihull MBC had no formal responsibilities over that particular pollutant and that it could be questioned that Ozone was not considered to be a beneficial indicator of air quality.

Birmingham City Council (Cllr M Byrne) – drew the Committee’s attention to section 5 of the report – “Community Schemes” and sought further details from the Airport Company of the confirmed aircraft wake vortex strikes. The Airport Company confirmed that information would be compiled and circulated as an appendix to these Minutes (see Appendix A).

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING WORKING GROUP

The Committee were invited to receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2008. The Minutes and Chairman’s report, presented by Mr D Ellis, were taken as read.

Discussion Points

Balsall Common Residents Association (Mr D Ellis) – in addition to presenting the report and Minutes, drew the Committee’s attention to the fact that ANOMS 8 had been subject to a short period of being non-operational. The Airport Company advised the Committee of the background to this.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the Minutes and report be noted.

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8. PASSENGER SERVICES AND SURFACE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

The Chairman of the Passenger Services and Surface Transport Working Group, Cllr M Longfield, invited the Committee to receive both the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2008, together with his report. The Minutes and report were taken as read.

Discussion Points

Balsall Parish Council (Cllr M Longfield) – detailed the Airport's passenger set-down scheme which allowed vehicles to wait for the first 20 minutes in the rapid drop-off area for a charge of £1.00. The Committee's agreement was sought to the Working Group's view on this matter that the £1.00 charge was not unreasonable. The Airport Company explained that they intended to keep the charge under review.

Friends of Elmdon (Mr G Davison) – explained that he had been aware of some instances of confusion in terms of the new set-down arrangements and stated that signage could be improved.

Birmingham City Council (Cllr M Byrne) – spoke in support of the £1.00 charge. Cllr Byrne stated that in her view, the charge would help self-regulate the turnover within that car at busy periods.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the contents of the report and minutes be noted; and
- (ii) That the Committee support the Working Party's view that the £1.00 charges in the rapid drop off area was not unreasonable, noting that the charge would be kept under review by the Airport Company as appropriate.

9. ANNUAL MEETING OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Committee was advised of this years Annual Liaison Meeting of Chairmen and Secretaries. This year's event was held on the 11th and 12th June 2008 at Heathrow.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 2008.

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Appendix A

**Update to Environment Monitoring Report – April to June 2008
Investigations of Wake Vortex Strikes**

Month	Location	Details
April 2008	Kitts Green Road, Meadway and 2 properties on Hurstcroft Road, all located in Kitts Green area. Haydon Croft and Kitts Green Road, both located in Kitts Green area.	All incidents investigated, confirmed wake vortex strikes and repair works carried out. Incidents investigated, no vortex damage found.
May 2008	Meadway, Kitts Green Road and 3 properties on Old Scott Close, all located in Kitts Green area. Kitts Green Road and Loeless Road, all located in Kitts Green area.	All incidents investigated, confirmed wake vortex strikes and repair works carried out. Incidents investigated, no vortex damage found at any of the properties.
June 2008	3 properties on Yockleton Road, Kitts Green. Heynesfield Road, Crossfield Road, Howden Place and 2 properties on Kitts Green Road, all located in Kitts Green area.	All incidents investigated, confirmed wake vortex strikes and repair works carried out. All incidents investigated, no vortex damage found at any of the properties.