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Present: Mr V Astling - Chairman

In attendance from Birmingham International Airport Ltd:

Mr R Heard	-	Managing Director
Mr S Hill	-	Head of Planning and Development
Mr J Morris	-	Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr J Wilson	-	General Manager, Operational Planning

In attendance from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council:

Mr L Stevenson	-	Representing the Secretary
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Balsall Parish Council	-	Councillor M Longfield
Barston Parish Council	-	Mr D Read
Berkswell Parish Council	-	Councillor D Hitchcock
Bickenhill Parish Council	-	Cllr R Sleight
Bickenhill Parish Council	-	Cllr P Southwick
Catherine de Barnes Residents Association	-	Mr R Hogg
Coventry City Council	-	Cllr N Lee
Dudley MBC	-	Cllr K Turner
Elms Farm Residents Association	-	Mr L Thurstan
Fordbridge Town Council	-	Mr J Alcock
Friends of Elmdon	-	Mr S Richmond
Hampton in Arden Parish Council	-	Mr R Chapman
Hampton Society	-	Mr A Minton
Knowle Society	-	Mr J Rowley
Marston Green Residents Association	-	Mr J Stevens
Smiths Wood Parish Council	-	Cllr F Churchill
Solihull Chamber of Commerce	-	Mrs D Farley
Solihull MBC	-	Mr P Kershaw
Solihull MBC	-	Cllr A Martin
Solihull MBC	-	Cllr J Hawkswood

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Staffordshire County Council	- Cllr R Smith
Apologies were received on behalf of: -	
Balsall Common Residents Association	- Mr D Ellis
Birmingham International Airport	- Mr W Heynes
Birmingham City Council	- Cllr M Byrne
Birmingham City Council	- Cllr J Whorwood
Consumers Association	- Mr G Weil
North Warwickshire Borough Council	- Councillor B Moss
NATS	- Mr L Brown
Poolway Housing Liaison Board	- Mr L Jackson
Sheldon Residents Association	- Mrs M Kennett
Solihull MBC	- Mr L Osborne
Solihull MBC (ACC Secretariat)	- Mr M Blamire-Brown
T&GWU	- Mr J Partridge
Warwickshire County Council	- Cllr L Forsyth
Warwick District Council	- Cllr G Guest
Wolverhampton MBC	- Cllr I Brookfield
Wychwood Club	- Mr G Heaps

1. MRS MARIE BARNES

The Committee stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect and in memory of Mrs Marie Barnes, Community Affairs & Environment Manager who had passed away on 27th August. Tributes were paid to Marie for her work and contributions to the ACC.

2. MR TONY PRITCHARD

The Chairman advised the Committee that Mr Tony Pritchard, the Committee's former passenger representative was currently in poor health. With the support of the Committee, the Chairman indicated that he would write to Mr Pritchard on behalf of the Committee with everyone's good wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee, held on 28 July 2004, were submitted.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2004, be confirmed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Airport Master Plan Review

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Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) recalled his previous questions and observations on ATM and passenger number forecasts and asked if the Airport Company could yet indicate when the next phase or round of current development forecasting could be expected. He stated that both Bickenhill Parish Council and Marston Green Residents Association had recently made observations on pre-application consultations and reserved matters planning applications in respect of terminal extensions that formed part of the ongoing phased scheme of developments. A view had been put forward that in order to properly evaluate and justify the proposals, a detailed supporting statement including infrastructure impacts were considered essential to the process.

The Airport Company explained that they were of the view that long-term and short-term forecasts needed to be reported together and that an interim statement would be published by the end of the year.

Environment Monitoring Report – April to June 2004

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) referred to previous enquires from Barston Parish Council regarding military flights. The Environment Monitoring Working Group had addressed this issue and the Committee's attention was drawn to additional information that had been considered by EMWG at their October meeting.

RESOLVED

That the comments arising from the Minutes of the last meeting be noted.

5. AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2004

The Airport Company presented their Airport Activities Report for the period July to September 2004. The contents of the report on the following topics were taken as read.

- Passenger, Cargo and Aircraft Movements.
- Flight Punctuality Statistics
- Airport, Services and Commercial Development.
- Customer Services.
- Operations.
- Airport Development
- Planning and Transportation.
- Community Relations Issues.

Discussion Points

Staffordshire County Council (Cllr R Smith) spoke with regard to commercial development and was of the opinion that commercial outlets were generally good but his personal experience of Costa Coffee in the departure lounge was poor, insofar as the quality of goods and customer service. The Airport Company stated that regular checks needed to be done to ensure a good service was maintained.

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) highlighted the fact that with regard to Airport operations, the preceding quarter had been the busiest three months of the year for the Airport. A number of major projects were being procured for construction during the winter period. The winter runway resurfacing project would involve a considerable amount of ancillary work to new taxiways, including disturbance of navigational and landing aids.

A consequence of the works would be to downgrade the runway to Cat 1 and therefore limited operational capability on Runway 33 which might occasion missed approaches and additional engine noise from the climb power settings.

A further issue was the construction of contractors compounds adjacent to the Elmdon Terminal, Fire Training Rig and the Engineering base, with potential for neighbour disturbance during the night-time works periods. The Airport had also advised that in-order to

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meet the Section 106 requirement, they were about to submit a proposal for operational use of the aprons and taxiways to the east side of the airfield by opening the link between taxiways U & V. Further information was requested to address consultation issues for this proposal.

The Airport Company acknowledged the sensitivity of the issues raised and stated that they were happy to help with local consultation and meet with concerned local Bickenhill residents.

It was also highlighted that a Reserved Matters Planning Application for the T1 Block D extension had been submitted to Solihull MBC in September 2004 and concerns were expressed that there was insufficient supporting information.

With regard to transportation issues, Mr Stevens also requested that the Airport Company were reporting that they had been made aware of changes to the timetable of the West Coast Mainline which would reduce the frequency of services between Birmingham International Station and Birmingham New Street Station. The changes had been proposed because of problems in completing the current phase of works to the West Coast Mainline. The Airport Company had raised concerns about the proposal and had met with Centro with a view to accommodating a more appropriate timetable. However, the approaches had been unsuccessful and the changes to the timetable were expected to have inevitable impacts on surface access by rail to the Airport.

Bickenhill Parish Council (Cllr R Sleigh) reiterated the importance of consultation with the local community regarding airport development.

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) highlighted the requirements of the Section 106 agreement regarding consultation.

Berkswell Parish Council (Cllr D Hitchcock) spoke with regard to community issues and recalled a recent meeting of the Community Trust Fund. Details were given of recently issued funds, outstanding balances and score sheet evaluations. With regard to environmental issues contained within the topographical report, general concerns were expressed regarding loss of trees, meadowland and woodland. Information on the area that would be affected by a proposed new runway was given by the Airport Company. Mr Hitchcock stated further concerns over perceived loss of amenities and sought advice as to replacement. The Airport Company explained that comprehensive mitigation measures would be included within the Masterplan review.

Balsall Parish Council (Cllr M Longfield) questioned the control of Coventry and Wolverhampton air traffic and examples were given for the different airspace boundaries from the Airport Company.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2004

The Airport Company presented their Environment Monitoring report for the period July to September 2004. The report, as submitted, was taken as read.

Discussion Points

Bickenhill Parish Council (Cllr P Southwick) recalled the Airport Company's noise insulation scheme and was of the view that aircraft noise could travel down chimneys of residential properties. The Airport Company were asked for advice as to whether anything could be done to address this or if this issue could be part of the noise insulation scheme. The Airport Company undertook to seek the views of a qualified engineer and report back to the next meeting.

Balsall Parish Council (Cllr M Longfield) referred to complaints relating to aircraft activity and sought further information as to how many complaints were actually justified from those reported. The Airport Company stated that peoples perceptions were always considered as

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valid and it was important to take notice of residents views which had given rise for the need to make a complaint, however minor or significant.

Solihull MBC (Cllr J Hawkswood) supported the Airport Company's view and stated that it was difficult to categorise complaints.

Barston Parish Council (Cllr D Read) referred to the mechanism to register complaints via www.bhx.co.uk and asked whether the facility was working. The Airport Company undertook to look at this and take any action necessary.

Elms Farm Residents Association (Mr L Thurstan) asked if the post of Community Affairs & Environment Manager would be filled. The Airport Company stated that a staffing review was currently underway and a decision about that particular post would be considered as part of that review.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

(It was recorded that Bickenhill Parish Council (Cllr R Sleigh) declared in interest in this report insofar as being the Solihull MBC Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, thereby having responsibility for decisions regarding noise.)

7. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING WORKING GROUP

The Chairman of the Environment Monitoring Working Group invited the Committee to receive both the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2004, together with his report. The minutes and report were taken as read.

In presenting the minutes, the Chairman reported further that the subject of runway resurfacing works and the construction statement, regarding compounds in particular, had been considered on three separate occasions and a concern was expressed that EMWG did still not have an accurate written statement on the exact use and timing of compound No 2. There was also an issue that such information would form part of the planning approval sought from Solihull MBC whereby one aspect, a contractors compound, would be sited less than 200 metres from residential properties which was not correctly portrayed. Mr Stevens sought confirmation of the exact use and timings for compound No. 2 and that the details and proximity to residential properties were brought to the attention of Solihull MBC as Local Planning Authority.

The Airport Company undertook to write to all consultees, concerned parties and Solihull MBC with regard to the intended use of the compound in question.

Discussion Points

Bickenhill Parish Council (Cllr R Sleigh) reiterated concerns over possible additional aircraft noise (pull-out power) as a consequence of the proposed works due to the resultant changes in airport operations as a direct effect.

The Airport Company undertook to report to ACC the number of "go-around's" during the construction period.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the contents of the minutes and report be noted;
- (ii) That the Airport Company write to all consultees, concerned parties and Solihull MBC with regard to the proposed intended use of compound No. 2;
- (iii) That, during the construction period, the Airport Company report to ACC the number of aircraft "go-around's";
- (iv) That EMWG's recommendation that the Automatic Continuous BTX air quality monitoring system be decommissioned and

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replaced with a diffusion tube system with effect from April 2005, be approved.

8. PASSENGER SERVICES AND SURFACE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

The Chairman of the Passenger Services and Surface Transport Sub-Committee invited the Committee to receive both the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2004, together with his report. The minutes and report were taken as read with no subsequent discussions or comments.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the minutes and report be noted.

9. MASTERPLAN PLAN REVIEW - UPDATE

The Consultative Committee recalled that on 28 April 2004, the Airport Company had made a presentation on the process to review the Airport Masterplan and it had been agreed that in future, ACC would receive regular reports or presentations outlining the current progress. The report, which set out the current position, was taken as read.

Discussion Points

Bickenhill Parish Council (Cllr R Sleigh) referred to the fact that since the publication of the White Paper, the Department for Transport had published guidance on the preparation of airport masterplans, which extended the timetable to produce updated or new masterplans to the end of 2005. Where airport operators could not produce updated or new masterplans by the end of 2004, the guidance stated that an outline masterplan in the form of a high level statement of intent should be submitted. Further information was requested.

The Airport Company explained that in response to requests for information as soon as possible, a progress statement would set out the latest position although the Airport would reserve the right that the details contained therein would be deemed as work in progress and could change once the Masterplan was published.

The ACC were of the view that it would be helpful if they could be consulted with regard to the high level statement of intent before it was forwarded to the Secretary of State. The Airport Company undertook to consider this request.

The Airport Company also advised that with regard to public transport, a 25% surface access modal share had been identified by Government. A Modal Share Strategy was being worked on to help identify how that percentage could be achieved. It was reiterated that the Airport was a facilitator of public transport, rather than an operator.

Catherine de Barnes Residents Association (Mr R Hogg) sought information on the feasibility of an extra meeting of ACC being called to consider the high level statement of intent prior to its submission to the Secretary of State. The Airport Company would consider this issue.

Balsall Parish Council (Cllr M Longfield) referred to the individual Runway Definition, Airfield Development and Terminal Development Studies and stated that he was of the view that the results of these studies should be circulated as soon as possible. The Airport Company stated that to circulate the results of the studies separately could be misleading. However, the study results would be brought together in the Masterplan and they needed to be factually correct before circulation.

The Hampton Society (Mr A Minton) established that the high level statement of intent documents would be publicly available and stated that ACC should have prior sight before full circulation. The Airport Company undertook to consider how they would get this information to ACC members once it was available. The suggested timescale for it to be available was the end of 2004.

Friends of Elmdon (Mr S Richmond) referred to the Runway definition Study, specifically the reference to "starter strips" and obtained information from the Airport Company as to their use.

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RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

10. MASTERPLAN REVIEW: CONSULTATION ON VOLUNTARY COMPENSATION SCHEMES

The Committee received a presentation on the Airport Company's voluntary compensation scheme, following the Government's decision that Birmingham was the preferred site for a new runway in the Midlands. In receiving the presentation, the ACC noted that the period for responses to the consultation had been extended until the end of November 2004.

Discussion Points

Solihull MBC (Cllr A Martin) recalled the discussion and subsequent recommendations arising from the scrutiny meeting held by Solihull MBC and the resultant formal response from the Council to the Airport consultation. He stated that the current proposed scheme was inadequate and that the 57dB(A) contour should be the basis of the scheme. Concerns were also voiced with regard to the large period of time between when the voluntary and statutory* schemes became effective. (*2016).

Hampton in Arden Parish Council (Mr R Chapman) asked how the voluntary compensation scheme would receive final endorsement once the consultation period was complete and information was given by the Airport Company to explain the scheme in the overall context of the Masterplan. The Airport again emphasised that statutory blight compensation would not be effective until 2016.

Bickenhill Parish Council (Cllr R Sleight) referred to the statutory blight area and asked the Airport Company as to whether they would look towards purchasing properties as it was feared that this area would stagnate and have a detrimental effect on adjoining areas. Concerns were also expressed with regard to the extent of the consultation and stated that Marston Green was going to be affected by both the development and usage of the proposed new runway. A view was given that both Marston Green and the Village of Bickenhill should be considered for additional discretionary compensation. The trigger dates for compensation were also perceived to be too far into the future as there was strong local opinion that blight was happening and being experienced now. The stipulation within the scheme to qualify for compensation that residents needed to demonstrate that they needed to move home also gave rise for concern. The Airport Company acknowledged that vacant properties could pose a problem and it was their intention to minimise impacts as much as possible.

Dudley MBC (Cllr K Turner) expressed concern towards the scenario that developers could have acquired sites for re-development and the consequent effect on new occupiers having regard to the qualifying dates of the scheme.

Elms Farm Residents Association (Mr L Thurstan) was of the view that compensation qualifying date should not be June 2002 and it should be revised to December 2003, the date when the extent of the Government's intentions were actually published in the White Paper.

Catherine de Barnes Residents Association (Mr R Hogg) supported the previous speakers and reiterated concerns over qualifying dates and blight.

Friends of Elmdon (Mr S Richmond) spoke with regard to his local concerns for residents of the Elmdon area. He supported the view that the qualifying date should be revised as local land charge searches had not shown up the proposals until much later than June 2002. He was of the opinion that a later qualification date would go some way in satisfying residents concerns.

Berkswell Parish Council (Cllr D Hitchcock) explained that the Parish Council did not support the scheme. Concerns were voiced that the scheme did not offer any compensation for those who choose to stay in their homes, rather than moving. Long term problems were highlighted for beneficiaries to deceased estates. The Airport Company explained that the statutory scheme would address this.

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The ACC acknowledged the existence and ongoing work of the Compensation Working Group that had been established and the Committee noted that feedback from the overall consultation results would be reported to ACC in January 2005. It was noted that the Working Group was to meet on three occasions in November 2004.

Marston Green Residents Association (Mr J Stevens) spoke with regard to responses to the consultation and asked how much weight a response from a regional body would carry in comparison with that received from an individual resident. The Airport Company gave reassurances that all responses, from whatever origin, would be treated with equal importance.

RESOLVED

That a response from the ACC to the consultation be compiled and sent to the Airport Company on the basis of the following:

(a) The boundaries to the scheme which are proposed to be based on the 69 and 66 dB(A) forecasts noise contour area are an element which gives rise to significant concern. Schemes for properties outside a new runway site area, but affected in the future by aircraft operations should be based on 57dB(A);

(b) The Airport Company should include discretionary compensation payments for properties in Marston Green and the Village of Bickenhill (outside the potential extended Airport site and noise forecasts contour). Boundaries need to be complete village areas not just qualifying properties on one side of a road and not the other;

(c) Any Voluntary Compensation Scheme should make provision in the short term to compensate affected residents who do not wish to sell their homes, but whose homes had been devalued by the proposals nevertheless. A concern highlighted by the Committee was that beneficiaries to a deceased estate would have no recourse for compensation in the short term;

(d) The current scheme only applies to people who had owned their property before June 2002. The Committee came to the view that "BIA's assumption that people who brought their property after June 2002 would have been aware of the possibility of a new runway" may not be well founded. Qualifying dates for Voluntary Compensation should be revised to December 2003 when the extent of the Government's intentions were actually published in the White Paper;

(e) The Committee wished to see the Voluntary Compensation Scheme revised to address the imbalance of perceived property valuations between those located to the north and to the south of the Airport site, emphasising that historically, properties located to the south commanded a premium over those located to the north. Two different Land Registry Indices are currently proposed to calculate the rise in property prices between June 2002 and the present day. This mechanism could give a reduced rate of property value growth for those located to the north which seemed unfair;

(f) The Airport Company should recognise within the Scheme that there is a real possibility that properties subject to blight could have a negative and detrimental effect on the values and desirability of properties in the closely adjoining areas. The

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effect of this would be to cause areas of a once thriving community to stagnate;

(g) The Airport Company should reconsider their conditions within the Scheme to purchase properties under the discretionary purchase scheme. The consensus view was that the conditions, at present, were too stringent; and

(h) At the Consultative Committee, reference was made to the formal response made to the consultation by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. Although this response was not before the Committee for formal consideration, the Committee wishes to echo and support those representations made.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 26th January 2005 at 2.30pm at Diamond House.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional items of business from the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.