

## London Stansted Airport Consultative Committee

Wednesday 28 July 2010

### Managing Director's Report

The CAA has granted London Stansted airport "Nominated Diversionary Airfield" (NDA) status for Airbus A380 movements and we are working towards operational readiness to accept these type of aircraft (which also includes the new Boeing 747-800 freighter) on a scheduled basis. Emirates airlines has recently placed another order for 32 Airbus A380s which means they will have placed total firm orders for 90 of these aircraft. The A380 has significant operational and environmental efficiencies over older aircraft and London Stansted airport has been working closely with Emirates and other A380 operators regarding our NDA status for these state of the art aircraft.

Latest routes and airline growth as at Jun 2010:

Number of airlines	18
Scheduled airlines	14
Charter airlines	4

Number of Destinations	155
Scheduled only	132
Charter only	11
Scheduled and chartered	12

#### Changes to routes/airlines

As previously advised to STACC, easyJet commenced four new routes from London Stansted in mid May 2010. These four new routes are Bodrum and Dalaman (both in Turkey); Dubrovnik and Split (both in Croatia). All of these services were new easyJet routes from London Stansted.

Germanwings commenced its new service from Hanover at the end of April 2010.

Sun Country (a Minneapolis-based charter/scheduled airline) commenced its weekly service to London Stansted via Gander on 12<sup>th</sup> Jun 2010 – this service runs until mid August 2010.

Corsican Places (in conjunction with Serenity Holidays and Titan Airways based at London Stansted) has commenced their new services to Calvi in Corsica for the summer.

Serenity Holidays through their subsidiary "The Gambian Experience" have chosen London Stansted airport for their new weekly winter charter service to the Cape Verde Islands and onto Banjul airport in Gambia.

Air Asia X launched their new 'lie flat' premium seat at a press conference at London Stansted on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jun 2010.

KTHY Northern Cyprus Airlines ceased trading Jun 2010. London Stansted in contact with Atlas Jet , Pegasus Airlines and easyJet in order to fill the capacity void.

## **Surface Access**

### **Public transport mode share**

The 2010 (Q1) un-validated CAA statistics have shown that 49.9% of non transferring air passengers at London Stansted use public transport (26.4% Rail, 23.5% Bus and Coach).

At the previous meeting a Member asked about the level of use made of the Airport as an integrated transport hub. STAL has consulted with the various bus, coach and rail companies to ascertain whether any data is available. The various companies have acknowledged that whilst some passengers use the airport in this way, it is a very small minority of their total passengers.

With the abolition of the Regional Strategy and the Regional Transport Strategy, policies relevant to surface access at Stansted which include the Airport acting as a regional transport node are now obsolete. When new policies are approved the Airport Surface Access Strategy will be reviewed by the Transport Forum Steering Group in light of these.

### **Rail**

The Greater Anglia Franchise Consultation has been cancelled and will be subject to re-consultation. The new consultation documents are awaited.

Work has concluded to introduce an emergency evacuation route from platform 3 of the Airport Rail Station. This has been constructed across the rail line to the area in front of Enterprise House.

### **Road network**

Improvement work across the airport road network is nearing completion, with the introduction of new direction signing, white lining, hazard markers, street lighting and safety barriers. The works have been carried out as part of our planning conditions and our ongoing improvement program.

### **Bus and coach**

The X5 Ipswich service has continued to show growth in passenger numbers following a radio campaign on Heart Suffolk and Town 102.

The 33 bus service from Chelmsford has been replaced by the 42a service by First Group. This now provides an additional connection for the Airport to Galleywood.

The X3 Basildon service has been removed from operation by the operator Excel due to poor performance during this tough economic climate.

Carnet tickets have been launched at London Stansted Airport for part time workers. These have been launched on Arriva 510, Excel 308 and Excel 133 bus services. A Carnet is a book of 20 discounted single tickets that are undated and are available to all airport employees.

An 'I Phone' application is being developed to provide passenger transport information as well as other Airport information to passengers. This will be a free download for 'I Phone' users and will be launched in approximately 10-12 weeks.

### **Olympics**

Work is continuing to prepare the airport for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012. The Airports two steering groups (Operation/Security and the Legacy groups) have met. The Legacy Group held in June was attended by regional stakeholders, airport companies and employees who received a presentation from Cadbury's who the official treat provider for London 2012. The company detailed their forthcoming community project and the group discussed how the wider airport community could take part. The plans will continue to be developed.

### **Regional Tourism**

Increased tourism is forecast to be one of the key beneficiaries of the London 2012 Olympics. London Stansted is working closely with the key tourism agencies: East of England Tourism, Visit London and Visit Britain to ensure that we capture this legacy for both the UK and the region.

The focus of activities this month has been the 'Hello Again' campaign run jointly with East of England Tourism in the International Departure Lounge. The campaign specifically targeted business travellers as well as passengers who had been to London to return again and visit the East of England. As well as a competition for a weekend stay, travellers received a brochure full of ideas of things to do locally. We have had a tremendous response to this campaign and it has been cited as best practise by tourism authorities. Other airports are looking to use this idea in their locality.

Other initiatives already underway are:

- Regional and National Tourism information throughout the airport
- All bus, coach and rail leaflets now contain tourism information
- 3 car rental tour leaflets for travellers, families and couples of the Eastern Region
- Sponsorship of East of England Tourism stand at the International Travel market
- Supporting Visit Essex
- Working with local hoteliers to maximise London 2012 benefits

### **Community**

A number of items were raised at the previous meeting regarding the London Stansted Airport Community Fund. An invitation has been made to all members of STACC to be a representative on the panel. Unfortunately, no member has been found to date and I would recommend that Mr Bob Wainwright who is already the Chair of the Fund panel and a member of STACC fulfils this position.

The geographical area (40 mile radius from the airport) for the London Stansted Community Fund was agreed at the first meeting of its panel. However it will be reviewed again in December when the panel will meet to discuss this year's progress. With regard to the name of this Fund we have ensured that the funds are clearly explained on the Stansted Airport website.

The current status of each of the Funds is:

**1. London Stansted Airport Community Fund** - ( Funds available £120k for 2010) - This trust supports youth, environmental and volunteering projects within a 40 mile radius of Stansted Airport. Jan-June 2010 expenditure £43,242.29.

**2. Stansted Airport Passengers Community Trust** - ( Funds available expected to be £40k for 2010) -This trust donates money to local causes within a 20 miles radius of Stansted Airport. The money donated by the committee is raised from passengers' and staff's unwanted foreign currency which is collected in the terminal. Consideration will be given to requests from sports clubs, pre-school nurseries, junior sports clubs, brownies, guides, clubs, elderly and animal charities. Jan-June 2010 expenditure £17,221.07

**3. Stansted Airport Community Trust Fund** - (Current funding £160k ) This trust supports projects which protect, enhance the social, economic and environmental well being of the community within a 10 miles radius of Stansted Airport and it is managed by Essex County Council. Jan-June 2010 expenditure £58, 000

### **Competition Commission**

The Competition Commission's appeal to the High Court on the decision of the CAT was heard during the week commencing 21 June 2010. A High Court decision is expected at the end of July 2010.

### **G2**

Following the General Election the new Government published on 20 May 2010 "The Coalition: our programme for government" in which among other things it said it will 'cancel the third runway at Heathrow' and 'refuse permission for additional runways at Gatwick and Stansted'.

On 24 May 2010, BAA announced that it would be withdrawing its planning applications for Stansted, and it took steps over the following days formally to withdraw all the applications and Orders which it had submitted to Uttlesford District Council in March and April 2008. BAA also wrote to the Highways Agency requesting the Agency to withdraw its Roads Orders associated with the G2 project, which it has now done.

The new Government has since set up a South East Airports taskforce to be chaired by the Aviation Minister to look at how to secure the successful future of aviation in the South East and Heathrow's hub status within the constraints of the existing runways. The first meeting of the taskforce will be held shortly and it has been asked to report back to the Government in July 2011.

### **ISO14001 and OHSAS 18001**

I am pleased to announce that following the annual inspection visit, London Stansted Airport continued to retain its environmental accreditation for ISO14001, which it has held since September 2005. The airport also retained its health and safety accreditation OHSAS 18001.

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