

NOTICE OF MEETING

Monday 16th January 2006

7.00pm in the Board Room at City Aviation House,
London City Airport

*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*****



AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** should be notified to the Secretary at 9 Palace Green, Croydon, CR0 9AJ, Telephone: 01689 843434, Fax: 0208 251 9858, E-Mail: secretary@lcacc.org

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on 4th October 2005 – previously circulated**

3. **MATTER ARISING**

(a) Item 1 – DLR Stratford International Extension

Following the presentation by the DLR (Richard de Cani) at the last meeting it was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Secretary of State in support of the proposed order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 authorising the project.

On 1st November 2005 the Department wrote announcing that they will be holding a public local inquiry into proposed order. A copy of this letter was circulated to all members of the Committee with a note indicating that the Secretary was working on the assumption that the Committee would not wish to be represented at the inquiry and that the Committee's support for the scheme should rest on the letter already submitted.

(b) Item 3(a) – Jet Centre – Visit by Committee

This visit will be held on Tuesday 31st January 2006 at 14.30hrs. Five members of the Committee have indicated their intention to take part in the visit but if anyone else would like to join the group please contact the Secretary.

(c) Item 3(b) – Jet Centre – Blast from Engines

It was agreed at the last meeting that this issue should be kept on the Agenda until it is resolved.

(d) Item 4(d) – Committee Membership - West Silvertown Village Community Foundation (WSVCF)

The WSVCF has still to nominate a member to replace Pamela Bertrand.

(e) Item 9 – DLR Airport Extension

The new extension was opened for passenger services on Friday 2nd December 2006. The first train arrived at the Airport from Bank at 17:00 hours. The official launch of the new service took place on Tuesday 6 December. Details of the new service were sent to members by e-mail on 2nd December.

e) Item 11(e) – Local Development Framework – Stakeholders meeting

This meeting, on 20th October 2005, was attended by the Secretary who circulated a note of the meeting to all members on 24th October.

Members will have noted that the *Core Strategy* and the *Area Action Plan for West Thameside and the Royals* are both complete in draft and awaiting member approval. They are likely to be issued for consultation in the New Year and at that time the Council's officers have offered to talk to local groups about them. The Committee might want to take advantage of this offer, perhaps jointly with the Airport's Transport Forum. The Royals Strategy will clearly be of interest to both the Committee and the Airport.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – BECKTON COMMUNITY FORUM**

Because of boundary changes Jagadish Jha now lives in the area of the Custom House and Canning Town Community Forum and is no longer eligible to represent the Beckton Community Forum. The Secretary has written to Jagadish expressing appreciation of his active and constructive participation in the work of the Consultative Committee.

A replacement is being sought.

5. **AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Charles Buchanan will report

6. **COMMUNITY REPORT**

Angeline Barnes will report

7. **STANDING ITEM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

The report of the Airport's Environment & Planning Manager will be tabled at the meeting.

8. **NOISE INSULATION PROGRAMME – PART IV**

The Airport will report progress on the implementation of this part of the programme

9. **DLR AIRPORT AND WOOLWICH ARSENAL EXTENSION PROJECTS – PROGRESS REPORT**

AMEC will update the Committee on the progress of these projects.

10. **AIRPORT MASTER PLAN**

It is now expected that a draft of the Airport Master Plan will be ready for consultation by the end of January. It is important that the draft should first be shared with the Airport's staff and a meeting for this purpose is currently scheduled for the end of the month. It is very important that the consultative committee should have an early opportunity to see the draft and offer its comments. It is thus suggested that a special meeting should be arranged in February at which the Airport will present the draft for comment by the Committee at the meeting or later in writing by individual members. It might be that such a special meeting could be arranged to take place jointly with a meeting of the Airport's Transport Forum.

11. **THAMES GATEWAY BRIDGE – PUBLIC INQUIRY**

On 23rd November the Secretary circulated a letter received from the Inquiry's Programme Officer about some new evidence to be submitted by Transport for London, including new traffic analyses and possible changes to the proposed tolls regime.

The latter evidence is now available on the Inquiry's website¹ - the Secretary will be happy to print copies for any member who would like a hard copy.

¹ [Click here](#) to see the website copy of the new evidence

Among other things the new evidence speaks of a 50% increase in non-local peak period tolls so that the peak hour charge for cars would be £3 (at 2004 prices), with the same percentage increase for other vehicles, but with no change to tolls for local residents.

Thus far the Committee has worked on the basis that it would not wish to be represented at, or give oral evidence to, the Inquiry and that the Committee's support for the project should rest on the written submissions made following the Committee's meeting in October 2004.

12. **EAST LONDON TRANSIT - CONSULTATION**

Also on 23rd November the Secretary circulated information about a consultation exercise now underway to seek views on the route options for ELT between Barking Town Centre and Gallions Reach. Residents, businesses and stakeholders are being asked to comment on five route options. This will then allow TfL to work with local councils to ensure that the preferred route is protected for future use.

When the Committee last considered this project in January 2002 it was noted that public transport connections to the Airport from the east were comparatively poor and accordingly it was decided to write telling the Mayor the Committee strongly supported the project which should include the possible link then being shown on the plans from Gallions Reach to the Airport via North Woolwich and Silvertown. There is no reference to such a link in the documents and plans published in connection with this consultation although it must be said that the opening of the DLR Airport Extension provides a rail service from Gallions Reach to the Airport albeit with a change at Canning Town.

The deadline for responses to the consultation is 23 January 2006.

13. **WEEKEND TUBES: LATER START, LATER FINISH - CONSULTATION RESULTS**

At its meeting on 5th April 2005 the Committee noted that the Airport was likely to oppose the suggested later start of the tube services on Saturdays as this would adversely affect access to the Airport for passengers and staff. It was agreed that the Secretary should write in support of any objection submitted by the Airport and a letter was subsequently sent to Transport for London on 22nd April 2005.

On 13th September 2005 Transport for London wrote enclosing details of the results of its consultation exercise on these proposals and copies were circulated to all members by the Secretary.

In November 2005 TfL announced that in response to concerns raised in the consultation, they were developing a potential alternative option, namely to run the Tube half an hour later on Friday and Saturday nights with a one hour later start on Saturday mornings and no change to the existing start time on Sunday mornings. The closing date for comments on the alternative proposal was 12th December 2005.

Details of this alternative proposal were sent to members on 22 November with a note from the Secretary noting that the suggested compromise made no change to the original proposal for a later start on Saturday mornings and, that unless he heard from anyone to the contrary within a week, he would write re-affirm the Committee's original comments. Such a letter was sent on 5th December 2005.

14. **LONDON CITY AIRPORT – EXTENSION OF CONTROL ZONE**

At its meeting on 7th October 2003 the Consultative Committee considered a NATS proposal to increase the size of the airspace within the current London City Airport Control Zone by extending the lateral boundaries by 1 nm to the north and south, and 1.5 nm to the

east. The Committee resolved to inform NATS that it supported the proposed new boundaries of the zone – this was largely on grounds of air safety.

In August 2004 NATS circulated its 'final consultation document'. At its meeting on 5th October 2004 the Committee noted that these final proposals were not significantly different to those previously considered. Accordingly the Committee resolved to reiterate its support for the changes.

NATS have now written to say that they have delivered a proposal to the CAA's Directorate of Airspace Policy requesting that the boundary of the Airport's protected airspace be marginally increased to contain the flight characteristic of regular aircraft now using the airport. The proposal would see an increase of 1 nautical mile to the south and north, together with an extension of 1.5nm to the east of the existing controlled airspace. This new protected airspace would extend from 1500 feet to 2500 ft above sea level and be known as a "Control Area."

The rules in a "control area" are similar to those which apply in a "control zone" but control areas do not extend down to the ground but rather have base levels starting usually at 2000 above the ground. In this case the base level will be 1500 feet and the area will extend upwards to 2500 ft where it will join with the *London Terminal Manoeuvring Area (LTMA)* which is similarly controlled.

15. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - TIME OF MEETINGS

There have been suggestions that it might suit the Committee better to meet during the daytime rather than in the evenings. Evening meetings of the Committee have been the practice since the Committee was first set up in 1986 although at other airports consultative committee meetings are normally held in the afternoon.

The Committee might like to discuss the idea.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th April 2006 at 1900 hours at City Aviation House, London City Airport.