

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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



### AGENDA

1. **PRESENTATION - STREETCAR**

Members will be aware of the new partnership between London City Airport and *Streetcar* which is the largest car club in the UK. It has over 500 cars parked in dedicated spaces across London and this now includes the Short Stay car park at London City Airport. *Streetcar* members can go online or telephone to book any of the fleet of Volkswagen Golf cars from the most convenient location, providing a cost effective alternative to car ownership and reducing the impact of cars on the local global environment.

*Streetcar* will be present at the meeting and will brief members on the service they provide.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** should be notified to the Secretary at 9 Palace Green, Croydon, CR0 9AJ, Telephone: 020 8123 6374 or 01689 843434, Fax: 0208 251 9858, E-Mail: [secretary@lcacc.org](mailto:secretary@lcacc.org)

3. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2008 – PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Item 2(a) - Noise Action Plan**

The draft guidance from Defra on how these Plans should be prepared is expected shortly. DEFRA is planning a seminar for Airport Consultative Committees on *Noise Action Plans*. It is likely that this will be held sometime in September and the LCACC will be represented. There will be a further report at the meeting.

**(b) Item 12 – Planning applications - informing/consulting local residents**

As agreed by the Committee at its last meeting the Secretary wrote on 9<sup>th</sup> July to the *Department of Communities and Local Government* and there has since been correspondence with officials there as to the arrangements which might be made to secure more uniformity in the steps taken to inform and consult residents affected by planning applications which have an impact on more than one local planning authority area. The Secretary will update the Committee.

**(c) Item 13 – Civil Aviation Act 2006**

Following the discussion at the last meeting the Secretary replied to the Department of Transport on 11<sup>th</sup> July noting that in August 2007 the Airport had submitted a planning application which if approved would raise the present annual limit on the number of flights to 120,000 per annum. In discussing this application with the local planning authority the Airport had given an undertaking that the present noise regime would be reviewed. Such a review would involve consideration of possible measures involving the new noise powers in the 2006 Act. Consideration would also need to be given to the

EU's Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC) and the requirement to produce a *Noise Action Plan*.

**(d) Item 12 – NATS Consultation – Terminal Control North – Airspace Changes**

On 25<sup>th</sup> July the Secretary circulated details of the feedback received by NATS in connection with this consultation. NATS is now looking again at the proposals in the light of the feedback received.

**(e) Item 14 – Red Bull Air Race – Temporary Planning Permission**

The application for temporary planning permission was approved on 10<sup>th</sup> July and the land in question, on the north side of the Royal Albert Dock, was used as a temporary aerodrome for the purposes of the Race on 2/3 August 2008.

**(f) Item 15(c) – Airport Fun day**

This year Fun Day, held at the Airport on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008, attracted more than 22,000 people and raised £41,263.27 for the Richard House Children's Hospice in Beckton. The event was attended by several members of the Committee.

**(g) Item 16 (e) - Consultation on revised Code of Guidance: “Access to Air Travel for Disabled People**

The comments agreed at the last meeting were submitted to the Department of Transport on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Code was subsequently finalised by the Department and issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Details were sent to members two days later.

EU Regulation 1197/2006 came fully into force on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Among other things this makes the managing bodies of airports responsible for providing such assistance to people with reduced mobility.

5. **AIRPORT STAFFING**

On 14<sup>th</sup> August the Secretary notified members that both Rob Grafton (Airport Environment and Planning Manager) and Dan Townsend (Environment and Planning Officer) would be leaving the Airport's service early in September. They have both joined BAA where they will work on the forthcoming inquiry into the proposed second runway at Stansted.

Both officers worked very closely with the Committee on environmental matters which lie at the heart of the Committee's remit and they will be greatly missed. Gary Hodgetts is in the lead in deciding how best in future to cover the functions which they performed. He will update the Committee on the progress made.

The changes will involve a fair number of revisions to the Committee's website and the Secretary is in touch with Gary Hodgetts about this.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**(a) London Borough of Newham**

At its last meeting the Committee noted that the London Borough of Newham had chosen this year not to appoint as one of their three representatives the senior officer of the Council responsible for planning. The Committee felt it was important to secure the participation of the LBN officers responsible for the matters under discussion by the Consultative Committee and the Secretary was asked to continue to send the Committee's agenda papers and minutes both to Robin Whitehouse and a representative of Council's planning staff. There has since been correspondence with the Council's officers and the Council's Planning Officer, John Fannon, has been added to the Committee's circulation lists.

**(b) ABTA**

The Secretary is discussing with Charles Buchanan how best to secure the representation of passengers following ABTA's decision to withdraw from membership of the Committee. The Secretary will up-date the Committee.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Members will have received copies of the e-mail correspondence with:

- (a) a resident of Thamesmead complaining about aircraft noise especially on Sundays; and
- (b) a resident of south Beckton complaining about "current" noise levels and the interim planning application – see item 15 below. The latter complaint flows from the complainant's disappointment that the Council's case officer had recommended that the planning application should be approved.

Any further correspondence with these individuals will be circulated at or before the meeting.

**8. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Charles Buchanan will report.

**9. COMMUNITY REPORT**

Elizabeth Hegarty will report.

**10. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT**

A report will be tabled at the meeting

**11. STANDING ITEM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Gary Hodgetts will table the Airport's report.

**12. CROSSRAIL**

Members will be aware that Crossrail has now been approved by Parliament and the Crossrail Bill received Royal Assent on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008.

The new line will run from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west through tunnels under central London - with new stations at Paddington, Bond Street, Tottenham Court Road, Farringdon, Liverpool Street, Whitechapel and the Isle of Dogs (Canary Wharf) – and then out to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east. The Abbey Wood branch runs through the Royal Docks and includes a station at Custom House from which it is hoped there will be a short bus link to the Airport.

The Crossrail Act grants powers to acquire land and for Crossrail to be built and maintained. The £16bn funding package for the project is already in place and enabling works will take place next year, with main construction works set to begin in 2010.

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

At the last meeting it was reported that this part of the programme was substantially complete but that a new programme was being discussed in connection with the Airport's present (interim) planning application. Meanwhile the latest (Summer 2007) 57 LAeq Noise Contour has embraced some new dwellings – including some outside Newham – not

covered by the 1998 programme. They qualify for Noise Insulation and the Airport is to approach the owners. The Airport will update the Committee.

**14. DLR WOOLWICH EXTENSION PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT**

Ian Thomas of Morgan Est will update the Committee on the progress of this project.

**15. PLANNING APPLICATION**

The application was due to be considered at a meeting of the Development Control Committee of the London Borough of Newham on Wednesday 30th July 2006. A copy of the report of the Council's officers, recommending approval, was sent to members on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The Committee met as planned but only to report the receipt that morning of a letter from the Mayor of London. The Borough Planning Officer accordingly recommended to the Committee that it should postpone its consideration of the Airport's planning application. There was no presentation by the Council or discussion of the application. A few people who had asked to make representations sought assurances that they would be notified in good time of the Development Control meeting which would consider this application. A plea was made by one resident that the future hearing be held in the evening.

In his letter the Mayor of London asked that consideration of the application should be deferred pending further consideration and discussion of the impact of the expanded Public Safety Zones on the case for the proposed Thames Gateway Bridge and the potential impact on a number of sites earmarked for regeneration. It is not clear at this stage how long this might need – the Airport will brief the Committee.

**16. COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

The proposals discussed at the last meeting were subsequently finalised and incorporated in a paper which the Airport has sent to the London Borough of Newham for comment. Copies of the paper will be sent to members separately. Hopefully the Council will respond in time for the matter to be further considered by the Committee at this meeting.

**17. COMMITTEE LOGO**

Thanks are due to Gaelle Richard, until recently the Airport's graphic designer, for her work on a new logo for the Committee and for using this to produce a new design for the Committee's headed notepaper. The logo is now in use on the Committee's website and in consequence the text used in headings etc is now in a slightly softer green than before.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 16.30 hours at City Aviation House, London City Airport.