

Minutes of the London Oxford Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Date of Minutes – 11th April 2022

Attendees:

For the Airport - Will Curtis-WC (MD), James Dillon-Godfray-JDG (Head of Business Development), Jason Ivey-JI (Airport Operations Director)

Local Representatives – John Broad (CPRE), Fabio Assandri (Bladon PC), Jim Frants (Bladon), David Thurling (Kidlington PC), Mark Turner (Kidlington), Andrew Morgan (Wootton), Caroline Ford (Cherwell District Council), David Duthie (Shipton & Thrupp), Libby Wood (Bladon), Sebastien Novalet (CAE)

Approximately five or so others appeared to be present, but did not sign in.

Chair: Anthony Kedros (Oxford Airport Users Group – OAGAG.org.uk)

Apologies: Dominic Knight (Wootton), J Marlborough (Woodstock), Ian Middleton (Kidlington)

Provisional date for next Meeting – Tuesday 25th April – Airport Lecture Theatre, 18:00 hrs

The meeting commenced at 18:00 hours

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Actions Arising

- a) A forecast summary ([‘Daily Training Slot Schedule and Availability’](#)) of anticipated training activity levels is now available online, showing 48 hours/2 days’ slot bookings for training flights. In peak summer season in particular, this gives neighbours some advanced view of how busy the airport might be through the day and also for evening, night training activity.
- b) Helicopter aiming points were recently established on the airport to better manage the mix of fixed wing and helicopter activity, bringing in helicopters a little more swiftly than might have been the case previously, effectively reducing loitering
- c) Options for further bunding and screening of the new buildings will be evaluated by the airport

2. Planning/Development-Related Activity

WC updated the meeting on new developments anticipated in the next year or so, which included:

a. The replacement facility for Airbus Helicopters

This is now virtually complete from the outside, but internal works will continue through to the early part of 2024. Completion is expected mid-2024 with Airbus Helicopters migrating into the facility fully by the end of 2024

b. The replacement Fire Station

This facility adjacent to the terminal building was completed in March 2023 and is now fully operational

c. The realignment of the northern taxiway

The 2nd Phase to the end of the runway is now completed with commissioning and ongoing use envisaged summer 2023.

d. Replacement offices and store on east end of Hangar No.14

The main structure (seen beside Langford Lane) is essentially completed, but the tenant fit-out is not due for completion until June 2023

e. The redevelopment of the Langford Lane airport entrance zone

The planning application for the R&D science park at the entrance to the airport to the west side of the Boulevard was submitted to Cherwell District Council late February 23.

Full details can be seen on the CDC Planning Portal Ref.: **23/00517/F**

3. Overview of the last four month's airport activity since the last ACC meeting (Dec 22)

The accompanying slides to the ACC meeting showed the activity levels to date.

4. Noise Issues overview and key 'hotspots'

Wootton – New Noise Abatement maps were drawn up for promulgation through the usual channels to highlight the recommended path. Nevertheless, issues continue as a consequence of the west side holding pattern generally being in close proximity to the Wootton area. WC addressed reality relating to the scarcity of air proximity incidents nationally.

Bladon – Ongoing issues with overflights. With the proximity of the Brize Norton CTR, aircraft do tend to turn swiftly as soon as they are off the end of the runway when coming off the south end to avoid entering the CTR, which, often takes aircraft across Bladon. Nevertheless, as per the scenario with Wootton above, a new Noise Abatement Map was drafted and promulgated to recommend a path between Long Hanborough and Bladon villages. However, this now has implications for Combe, where traffic is closer as a consequence.

5. Section 106 limitations – any breaches (last 4 months)

No breaches of limits (activity levels and hours of operation) were observed in the period.

It was highlighted that anyone purchasing in the area should have an understanding of the Section 106 limits and the current activity levels of the airport.

6. Other Concerns & Questions

Key questions on nuisance/noise covered in (4) above, however:

- a) On the 3rd November a consultation was launched on the Botley West solar farm project in close proximity to the airport which does have some implications for the airport in the immediate vicinity. The airport has engaged with the land-owner(s) and the developer, Photovolt Development Partners (www.pvdp.eu)
- b) Thrupp & Shipton villagers have requested that greater consideration be given to the use of bunds and screening/planting at the east side of the new Airbus Facility. The airport explained that this will be considered towards the end of the construction operations where the total volume of soil and aggregate remaining from both the Airbus hangar project and the taxiway relocation can be determined and relocated as appropriate.

7. Date proposed for next meeting – Tuesday 25th April 2022, Airport Terminal

The meeting ended approximately 19:00

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