

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRISTOL AIRPORT
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON 19th April 2023**

Meeting commenced: 2.30pm

Meeting concluded: 4.08pm

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Councillor Laurie Vaughn	Wrighton Parish Council
Councillor Gill Patch	Winford Parish Council
Councillor Joachim Steinbach	Parish Council Airport Association
Richard Capps	TUC, Bristol and South West Region
Robert Durie	Business West and Bristol Chamber and Initiative
Ian Porter	Vice Chairman/ Interim Chairman
Wendy Walker	Passenger interests /ABTA/ATOL
Councillor Hilary Burn	Cleeve Parish Council
Carl Symonds	Airlines operating from the Airport
Simon Earles	Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Director, Bristol Airport
Also in attendance:-	
Matthew Sharp	Planning Manager, Bristol Airport
Jacqui Mills	Public Relations Manager, Bristol Airport
Hannah Pollard	Head of Sustainability, Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Corporate Affairs Executive
Whitney Love	Sustainability Officer
Alicia Fox	Secretary
Jack Barnad	STANTEC
David Silvey	STANTEC
Claire Arbery	Head of IOT

1 member of the public.

3123. Public Participation

JH- Previous Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) have detailed information on full time/ part time, number of jobs and number of companies. The current AMR does not provide this information and it would be useful to see it for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. JH would like a logical explanation at

how the Airport came to the conclusion of an increase of 4000 jobs for the 12mmpa planning application from the current 10mmpa.

SE advised the Airport team will take the above requests away for consideration.

3124. Apologies for Absence

Dave Lees	Chief Executive of Bristol Airport
John Savage	Visit West
Neil Bromwich	CBI

3125. Declarations of Interest for Local Authority Elected Members - none

3126. Minutes from 18th January 2023 (previously circulated)

a) Confirmation of Accuracy:

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record with the above amendment and be signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising

JM apologized for the delay in the pack being circulated and advises it was due to staff changes and the Easter break.

3127. Replacement Airspace Surface Access Strategy- David Silvey from Stantec

Presentation attached as Appendix A

WW advised it would be useful for STANTEC to contact local travel agents within Weston-Super-Mare and Bristol for their opinions.

JM will follow this up.

RC asked whether the team had reached out to trade unions such as Unite/GMB, he will provide DS with the contact details needed.

HB enquired how DS thought the results of this strategy would vary from the one that was put forward as part of the 12mmpa application.

HB requested that the report highlighted differences to the 12 mppa application.

DS advised he was unsure on what the findings would be and it would be a case of going through the reports and looking at the differences.

SE said that the report is a requirement for the 12mmpa application and that they have an obligation to report on progress.

It was agreed that the Transport Forum is the primary group to work on the replacement airspace surface strategy however; they will keep the ACC updated.

DS advised there will be many questions on the survey and these will include things such as issues getting to the airport. He has said that Parishes will be receiving the information on the 20th April 2023 but if they need additional time to respond to let him know.

3128. Institute of Technology (IOT)- Claire Arbery

The IOT is a consortium led by Weston College; it covers Gloucestershire, WECA and Somerset. They have licenced support from local business who are keen to upskill or reskill their employees in addition to this they also have key supporters, the airport being one of them.

The IOT tend to work in the post A-Level- pre degree range, which includes T-Levels and apprenticeships.

They are the top performing IOT in the country and have met all targets for level 4 and 5. In addition they have achieved a 500% increase in their target to enrol more females and have doubled their target for mature students.

They are constantly trialling different ways of learning for example offering bitesize quality pieces of information. Some of these learning modules are now being built into modules at the colleges, which are being taught to 16-18 year olds.

The IOT have held a very successful 12-week boot camp where the aim was to upskill existing workers. They held a Hydrogen course teaching staff how to safely handle Hydrogen. They offered 2 courses with upskilling people on how to service/fix electric vehicles and how to safely use the high voltage systems. Both of these courses had a 100% success rate.

CA agreed for her contact details to be shared, her email address is: claire.arbery@weston.ac.uk

DH asked if the IOT are monitoring the Gravity site?

CA said they are keeping their eye on both the Gravity site and Hydrogen Southwest.

3129. Chief Executive Officer Report

Attached as Appendix B

HB- The new airlines which are mentioned, what generation of aircraft are they using?

SE will come back to the HB on this matter.

3130. Agreement on when/how to respond to consultations

Consultations highlighted by the UKACCS newsletters will only be responded to by the ACC if more than 1 member offers views/comments otherwise the member needs to submit an independent response.

Where the Chair deems a response is necessary he will provide a draft, which will be circulated to members for comments. Any comments received will be included where they are relevant/appropriate.

JSt Parishes will continue to make their own responses to consultations.

DH advised he encouraged Parishes to make independent responses and that the above only applies to an ACC response.

JSt asked whether the airport will be responding to the CAA Consultation Airspace change masterplan: scoping the environmental assessments, and whether the airport will be instructing any environmental scientists?

SE a response will be made in due course but decisions on how the response will be constructed have not yet been made.

JSt requested ACOG attend to present at a future ACC meeting.

HB highlighted that that some airports are required to have Habitats Regulations due to their location, and given Bristol Airport's location to the Greater and Lesser Bats, they should be subject to the Habitats Regulation.

3131. Questions to Airport Management

GP asked if a litter pick was planned for Felton Village Hall and surrounding area.

GP was advised they airport will get this sorted.

3132. Planning Update

12mppa Planning Permission

The Planning Inspectors' recommendation and Secretary of State's decision on the Compulsory Purchase Order was received on 16 th March 2023. The decision allowed the CPO, which will now enable Bristol Airport to acquire land along the A38 and Downside Road which was necessary to widen the road to facilitate the 12mppa planning application.

The High Court Decision on the 12mppa planning application was received on 31 st January 2023. The High Court Judge dismissed all six grounds of challenge. BAAN sought permission from the High Court to appeal immediately back to the High Court on three of the grounds, but this was also rejected.

On the 21 st March 2023, BAAN applied to appeal to the Court of Appeal on three grounds of challenge, focusing on climate change matters. The case will now be considered by a Lord/Lady Justice of Appeal and they will decide whether the case should go to the Court of Appeal or not. We expect to have an outcome within approximately 1-3 months.

Material to discharge five conditions was required to be submitted to NSC within specific timeframes.

This material has been submitted (Ref: 22/P/1863/AOC) and (23/P/0176/AOC)

8 – Air Quality Action Plan – (Discussions with NSC Officers continuing)

9 - Climate and Carbon Change Action Plan - (Discussions with NSC Officers continuing)

10 – Scheme for installation of electric vehicle charging points – (agreement in principle with Highway Officers)

11 – Strategy for increasing number of electric taxis – (agreement in principle with Highway Officers)

5 – Methodology for keeping within the 12mppa cap (Discussions with Officers continuing)

Permitted Development Consultations

A permitted development consultation was submitted to NSC in February 2023. The consultation related to the provision of new cabins, toilet facility and smoking shelter, plus the relocation of an existing cabin and container. The new accommodation was for airline Jet2 and OCS Group. OCS Group provide the special assistance for persons of restricted mobility to get around the Airport and to embark and disembark aircraft. The planning reference number is 23/P/0369/AIN. NSC responded on 15 th March 2023 and had no comments to make. Construction will commence shortly.

A permitted development consultation for a new intake electricity substation was submitted to NSC on 6th April. The reference number is 23/P/0766/AIN.

Update on Applications Submitted to North Somerset Council

A prior approval for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Snow Base was submitted to NSC on 5 th April. The reference is 23/P/0723/SJA. The scheme will help to achieve the Airport's target of having 25% of it's energy provided onsite.

A non-material amendment for MSCP2 and the PTI was submitted to NSC on 5 th April. The reference is 23/P0810/NMA. The scheme already has consent as part of the 10mppa permission, but we are looking to make some minor changes to the design. The NMA is accompanied by a permitted development consultation for onsite road layout changes to serve the scheme.

Consultations and Applications to be Submitted in the Next Quarter

As previously reported, we are also looking to locate an EV Hub adjacent to Lulsgate House. A PD consultation for the new Hub is likely soon. Design is going through its final stages. The Hub will provide rapid and ultra rapid charging facilities for electric vehicles – meaning a charge time could be as low as 10 minutes. It will have a food and beverage offer, along with waiting facilities. We are looking to relocate the current free waiting area to be immediately adjacent to the new Hub, making this a more attractive designated waiting area, hopefully meaning fewer taxis and passengers waiting in inappropriate locations and residential areas.

(Due to the nature of operational development, there is the possibility of additional GPDO requests / planning applications in the next quarter.)

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

3133. Statistics

(a) Passenger

(b) Aircraft movements

(c) Flyer volumes

DH asked whether committee found these reports useful, it was agreed they were helpful as they highlighted the growth of the airport.

RC asked if it was possible for the airport to provide the same statistics but for cars. SE did not think this was feasible for the airport to do it but would have a think.

HB asked for 2019 statistics to be included in the AMR as it was the last full year of growth pre pandemic and it is useful to have it as a comparison figure.

It was agreed the 2019 figure could be included.

HB also asked whether all past papers could be put into an accessible online bank. This point will be taken away and looked into.

3134. Reports:

- Draft Minutes – Environmental Effects Working Party and Environmental Monitoring Report (on website)
- Bristol Airport Local Community Fund (on website)

JSt queried why Winford Parish Council was allowed a grant for something which should have been covered by Highways. He also raised concerns over who was voting on the applications.

DH highlighted the application met the criteria of the community fund and only the 4 district councillors vote on the committee, officers are there only in an advisory body.

HB thanked the airport for information that had been provided relating to the community fund; however she asked for greater clarity on the Nature and Road criteria.

SE confirmed there is a new way that the Community Fund will be run and that noise will be separated from other criteria's.

- Transport Forum Minutes
- Press releases link was attached to the agenda.

These were noted by the committee.

3135. Items of General Interest

Vice Chair will need to be elected in July's meeting as this is IP last meeting.

IP was thanked for his dedicated service by both DH and SE on behalf of the airport.

- The July AGM will be a buffet lunch prior to the meeting.
- An update on Hydrogen SouthWest will be given in July.
- October we will be holding a 'meet and greet' of new members.

JM- Warm space initiative- has been very successful. The hotel has been open to very local residents to come and enjoy the warm space free of charge. It will be coming to an end at the end of April but they will look to offer it again for next winter.

JP provided an update from the Disability Forum. She advised that they were really pleased the airport had included them in decisions and hoped this would carry on.

The chair of the Disability Forum asked JP to share the follow:

Inclusion and accessibility are important to everything the airport do. Progress has been made and hope that all future decisions made at the board table include inclusion and accessibility rather than it being an afterthought. It is much easier for it to be considered from the offset rather than retrofitting.

SE told the ACC how they now have a 2023 Equality Impact Assessment which means all new policies will include this. The Airport have also now joined Inclusive Employer's which will hold the airport to account and help to guide them.

JM updated the ACC on the change to the drop and go carpark. Blue badge holders will now receive 40 minutes reduced parking and now just need to scan their badge at the exit gate rather than exiting the car.

WL advised the committee the Noise Insulation Scheme is now open for applications until the 1st June.

3136. Notification of Items of Business for the Next Agenda

3137. Any other business which the Chairman deems to be urgent

Earlier time of the EEWP meeting of 9.30 on 5th July.

Meeting closed 4.08pm.

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