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NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 21 January 2022

Present:

Norman Elias, Chair
Helen Bradshawe, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council
Jim Candlin, Environmental Health, Cheshire West and Chester Council
David King-Hele, Environmental Health, Wirral Council
Councillor Doreen Knight, Liverpool Council, Speke-Garston Ward
Tony Rice, Disabled Persons
Ian Rushforth, Environmental Health, Liverpool City Council
Councillor Malcolm Spargo, Hale Parish Council
Bob Swann, Chair of Consultative Committee

<u>Liverpool John Lennon Airport</u> Colin Barnes, Environmental Advisor Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment

Secretariat

Mike Jones, Secretary Joe D'Henin, Assistant Secretary

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Ian Gaskell from Knowsley Council – Helen Bradshawe was deputising.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

3 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary informed the meeting that Liverpool Council had made appointments for the first time since the pandemic began and had appointed to the Sub-Committee Councillors Lynnie Hinnigan and Doreen Knight.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 22 October 2021 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG

Colin Barnes introduced the Noise Log with a comparison of aircraft movements for the period [1st Oct to 31st Dec] from 2019 to 2021. It was noted that there had been an increase in volume from 2020 but this was yet to return to pre-pandemic levels. Colin proceeded to talk through the slides attached, analysing the 13 complaints received during the period. The slides analysed complaint by date, complainants, area, reasons for complaints and comparisons with previous years. The highest number of complaints on a single day peaked at 4. These complaints were associated with the removal of rubber from the runway, which took place at night whilst the runway was not operational. Andrew Dutton explained that alternative rubber removal methods were being considered to mitigate the impact of this procedure, whilst also highlighting that rubber removal should only take place once a year, but was not undertaken in the previous year due to the reduction of movements as a result of the pandemic.

Colin highlighted how no complaints were received in November, whilst it was noted that noise complaints were still down on pre-pandemic levels, potentially due to fewer aircraft movements.

Resolved – that the Noise Log for 1 October to 31 December 2021 be noted.

6 **AIRSPACE CHANGE**

Andrew Dutton provided an update on the LJLA Airspace Change proposal which remained paused at Stage IV of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) CAP1616 process. Andrew indicated how in order to integrate the proposal with surrounding airports (Manchester, Leeds Bradford and East Midlands), conversations were underway with Airspace Change Organising Group (ACOG) and the CAA regarding how the process can be integrated with the other airports, which were currently at earlier stages of the CAP1616 process.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee will be set at the Consultative Committee meeting in February 2022, but was likely to be 22nd April 2022.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Environmental Noise Regulations (European Noise Directive)

Andrew Dutton brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee that as the competent authority for aviation, LJLA must produce a Noise Map every 5 years. He set out how the airport was currently in conversations with DEFRA regarding using the year 2021 as a base year for comparison. Whilst noise mapping would reflect positively compared to 2016, due primarily to the

pandemic, this would result in the 2026 noise exposure area looking disproportionally larger.

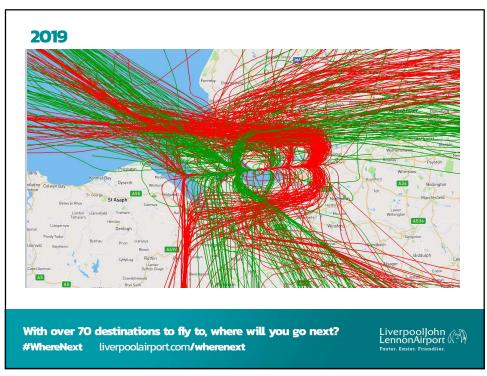
LJLA's preference was that the noise mapping should take place in 2022 instead, as aviation levels return to pre-pandemic levels. It was stated, however, that this decision ultimately lay with DEFRA, and this would be brought to the next meeting.

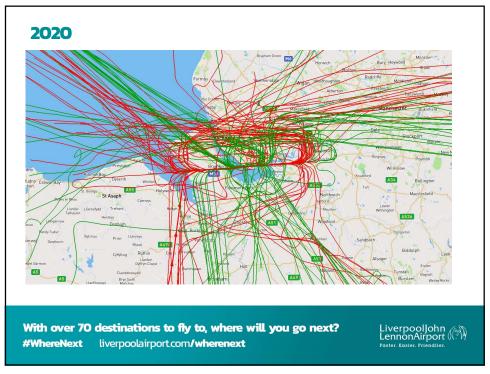
It was agreed that the issue Andrew raised would be added to the next Consultative Committee meeting.

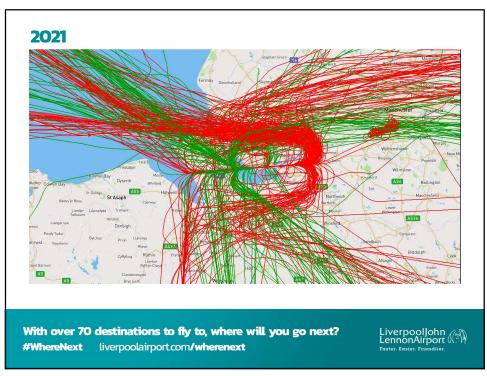














			Commercial		
2021 January	301	502	13	66	
February	210	229	15	40	
March	389			34	
April	1,702			81	
May	1,825			85	
June	2,245			150	
July	2,082			115	
August	2,060			152	
September	1,956			141	
October	1,686			113	
November December	1,648			147	
	1,005			119	
2020 January February	1,767		131 133	104 74	
March	2.054		129	97	
April	2,054			57	
May	582			130	
June	353		51	140	
July	1.298			183	
August	2,030			107	
September	2,755		106	124	
October	1,892			133	
November	643		54	81	
December	1,481	572	30	114	
2019 January	1,484	2,579	177	71	
February	2,453	2,579	184	66	
March	2,221	2,819	108	59	
April	2,481	3,023	170	71	
May	2,746			114	
June	2,093			95	
July	2,294			102	
August	2,280			121	
September	2,079			102	
October	2,450			61	
November	1,684			79	
December	1,591	2,497	167	76	

