



Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee

Date: Friday, 22 January 2021

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Venue: Liverpool Airport L24 1YD

Contact Officer: Katherine Brown, Assistant Secretary

Tel: 0151 691 8543

e-mail: katherinebrown@wirral.gov.uk

Website: www.wirral.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Pages 1 - 2)

To approve the minutes of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 October 2020, attached.

5. NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS

To consider the airport operations.

6. AIRSPACE CHANGE

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee will be set at the Consultative Committee meeting in February 2020.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 23 October 2020

PRESENT:

Norman Elias, Chairman
Helen Bradshawe, Environmental Health, Knowsley Council
Jim Candlin, Environmental Health, CWaC
David King-Hele, Environmental Health, Wirral Council
Isobel Mason Environmental Health, Halton Council
Cllr Tricia O'Brien, Liverpool Council – Cressington Ward
Ian Rushforth, Environmental Health, Liverpool City Council
Cllr Malcolm Spargo, Hale Council
Bob Swann, Chair of LJLACC

Airport:

Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment
Colin Barnes

Secretariat:

Mike Jones
Katherine Brown

11 **APOLOGIES**

Ian Gaskell sent his apologies. He was represented by Helen Bradshawe.

12 **CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

The Secretary informed the Committee that:

- the Wirral Transport Users Association no longer had anyone to act as representative so would be removed from the membership list.
- The Speke Estate would be removed from the membership list following the death of Larry Dack as there was no obvious successor organisation. The Airport would make enquiries to find an alternative organisation.

13 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2020 were moved for approval by Bob Swann and seconded by Malcolm Spargo.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 July 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

14 **NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG**

Andrew Dutton informed the Committee of a decrease in aviation activity, due to a reduction in air travel initially because of the COVID pandemic and more recently because of the requirement for a two-week isolation period from many locations. Both August and September 2020 showed less activity compared to the same months in 2019. It was not all bad news, Ryanair were to start a new route to the capital of Slovakia, WIZZair will be starting a new service to Moldova which will be the only one from outside of London to Moldova.

To demonstrate how a complaint was investigated Andrew took the Sub-Committee through the process using ANOMS. The initial slide was of all the aircraft tracks on a specific day which was filtered until it showed one specific aircraft flying in a repetitive pattern over the Widnes area. Liverpool Airport believed this to be an aerial photography survey. Although the specific aircraft did not take off or land at the Airport, the complaint was responded to by Liverpool Airport. The aircraft was relatively small, weighing 3 tonnes, Italian registered, at a consistent altitude of 1450 feet.

No questions were raised by the Committee.

Resolved:

That the Noise Complaints Log for 1 July to 30 September 2020 be noted.

15 **AIRSPACE CHANGE**

The Airport's 7-stage Airspace Change Process started in February 2018. The first three stages had almost been completed, but the process had been paused. The summary of the consultation conducted between the 13th of January and the 27th of April had been published on the CAA Airspace Change Portal.

No questions were raised by the Committee.

16 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Malcom Spargo asked if freight flights had been affected. Andrew Dutton explained that there has been an increase in freight but from a very low base. However, the airport was eager to increase their freight flight services in the future.

17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub Committee was scheduled for 22 January 2021.