

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held at
Leeds Bradford Airport
Wednesday 27 March 2024

Members Present:

Alan Wrigley	Chairman
Martin Hughes	Local Resident Rep (Horsforth end of runway)
Cllr Eleanor Thomson	Leeds City Council (Lab)
Heather Ruane	Leeds Bradford Airport Support Group
Marilyn Banister	Menston Parish Council
Cllr Penny Robinson	Otley Town Council
Cllr Raymond Jones	Horsforth Town Council
Keith Batty	Vale of York Gliding Clubs
Alan Moore	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum
Cllr John Howard	Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council
Brian Dunsby	Harrogate District Chamber of Commerce
Cllr Richard Knowles	Baildon Town Council
Cllr Colin Campbell	Local Resident Rep (Yeadon end of runway)
Paul Moss	Sherburn Aero Club

Members Apologies:

Cllr Angela Carr	Rawdon Parish Council
Cllr Paul Bone	Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council
Cllr Peter Caffrey	Calderdale Council
Cllr Bob Felstead	Burley & Wharfedale Parish Council
Ken Cothliff	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum

Non Attendance:

Neil Whitaker	Unite the Union
Cllr Andy Paraskos	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Paul Alderson	Leeds City Council (Con)
Cllr Jools Heselwood	Inner North West Community Committee
Michael Woods	Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Airport Officers Present:

Vincent Hodder	Chief Executive Officer
Charles Johnson	Head of Planning Development
Jamie Babbitt	Head of Air Traffic Control
Tracey Stevenson	Sustainability Manager
Amy Smith	Executive Assistant (Minutes)

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Apologies had been received ahead of the meeting from:

Cllr Angela Carr	Rawdon Parish Council
Cllr Paul Bone	Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council
Cllr Peter Caffrey	Calderdale Council
Cllr Bob Felstead	Burley & Wharfedale Parish Council
Ken Cothliff	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum

2. Organisational Announcements /New Members

No new members.

Charles Johnson confirmed the parking arrangements for the ACC had changed with the former Short Stay Car Park now being the new Premium Short Stay Car Park and yellow tokens would no longer be issued. Parking arrangements would be clarified for the next meeting.

3. Airspace Change Update

Jamie Babbins provided an update on the ACP process. Little to report as the process has been pushed back one month. It's expected that progress to Stage 3 will be in May and a fuller update will be provided at the next ACC meeting.

Q. What is happening with the route that is still flying over Menston & Burley?

A. This route is still part of the ACP and will go into Stage 3.

Q. Are Wizz Air still having issues with their track keeping?

A. Wizz Air were approaching the turns in the NPR too fast and therefore struggling to fly the centre line of the NPR with the technology they are using. This will be addressed when they update to GPR.

4. Aviation Update

Vincent Hodder, CEO, provided an update from Nicola McMullen, Aviation Director:

- 4mppa was achieved this week for the financial year to date, with expectations by the end of the financial year LBA would have had its best year on record, exceeding the record set in 2017.
- Pax numbers have been held back by Wizz Air and Ryanair both taking capacity out due to ongoing problems with engines and aircraft deliveries.
- Sun Express recently began operations to Antalya
- Ryanair are looking to introduce new routes in May and Jet2 have announced a new route to Morocco.

Q. Is the route network ever likely to connect to Heathrow or Brussels?

A. Early stage discussions are taking place on Heathrow, but this is unlikely to materialise before summer 2025. Brussels is tougher as LBA really needs to be at 5mppa before any interest will be shown by Lufthansa Group.

5. LBA:REGEN Update

Charles Johnson presented a series of photos and an update on the LBA:REGEN site.

The piling work and the majority of the foundations have been completed. The main activity on site is the construction of the retaining wall forming the undercroft up to apron level. Car park drainage upgrades are taking place in the short stay and midstay car parks. The steel work is due to commence in late May with all works currently on programme.

6. Vision 2030 Update

Charles Johnson presented the finalised draft version of LBA's new masterplan called 'Vision 2030'.

The document is split into 5 main sections - the airport today, the opportunity for growth, how that growth will be delivered, what the airports sustainable future will look like and what will happen beyond 2030.

The document details the positive economic impact of the airport including job creation and contribution to the local economy. Growth will be achieved by capturing a greater share of the 11 million passenger journeys currently originating from within Yorkshire.

There will be a significant investment in new infrastructure to include the LBA:REGEN programme, runway investment, new retail and food & beverage offerings, a hotel and improved surface access connections. There will also be significant airside infrastructure investment into EV charging, new stands and fuel farm facilities.

Good progress is being made towards the airport's Net Zero Carbon 2030 target with improved performance in the GRESB programme, and participation in the Airport Carbon Accreditation Scheme. New investment will also be going in to renewable energy production and waste management.

Looking beyond 2030, there will be a need to grow the size of the terminal further and construct new piers and additional aircraft stands.

7. CEO Update

Vincent Hodder provided an update on recent business activity. There is significant investment going into the airport from equipment to infrastructure and staff. All this is being funded from shareholder capital.

Meetings have been taking place with disability forums which has seen a marked improvement in feedback from passengers. In 2022, LBA was rated Poor by the CAA for PRM passengers, in summer 2023 it was rated Good. A new PRM passenger route has been agreed with UKBF.

Central search has seen the introduction of the new C3 scanners. Two lanes are now operational with the new scanners, the remaining two will be installed in Apr & May. Installation should have been sooner, but manufacturing issues led to a delay. This will mean LBA will be fully compliant by the original government deadline of 1st June 24. Many other airports won't be.

Two of the airport's CLEUD applications seeking to clarify the interpretation of the airports night time operations have been rejected by LCC. Two CLEUD applications remain live with a long stop date for determination of 8th July 24. LBA are cooperating fully with LCC and have provided a significant amount of data and information relating to historic air traffic movements. LCC are currently analysing this data.

Q. Were LBA 16% over on night time ATM's in summer 2023?

A. No, as LBA believes it is correct in its interpretation of night time restrictions in the current planning consent. Next summer's schedule assumes LBA's interpretation of the existing planning restrictions is correct. On this basis, there won't be a breach of night time ATM's in summer 2025. We are now reporting ATM movements on a monthly basis to LCC which includes a full breakdown of all exempt movements. The decision on the outstanding CLEUD's is a legal one and we await LCC's views.

Q. What is CLEUD Application 4?

A. This relates to delayed flights and emergency landings.

Q. Is there a misunderstanding between LCC & LBA on data?

A. We have had to implement new systems and retrieve original core data going back many years. This has taken a while to do, but we are now confident that the data being provided to LCC on a monthly basis is accurate and robust.

8. Noise Action Plan Communication Strategy

LBA were required under DEFRA & DfT guidance to produce a NAP in 2021. As the data for this year was skewed due to Covid, LBA has decided to undertake a new NAP covering the period 2024-2028, and would like the ACC's view on how best to engage with local communities on its delivery. A general discussion following where the following points were raised:

- Need to compare aircraft noise to something that local communities can relate to such as a concert.
- Send a simple fact sheet in advance of any meetings to explain the basics.
- Make any display boards as simple as possible so as not to confuse the lay person.
- Explain where we monitor, what we monitor, how often and what do we report.
- Are there national standards for measuring noise?
- Potentially do a dry run with the ACC before holding public events.
- Explain terminology such as LAeq in simple terms.
- Explain what the ongoing Actions will be and next steps.
- Outline what the frequency of flights will be.
- Look at having 4 meetings in each of Otley, Yeadon, Horsforth & Adel.
- Show a plan with noise contours on.

9. Any Other Business

N/A

Next meeting date:

3rd July 2024 @ LBA Media Suite – 14.00-16.00