

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held at
Leeds Bradford Airport
Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Members Present:

Alan Wrigley	Chairman
Cllr Barry Anderson	Leeds City Council (Con)
Cllr Alex Mitchell	City of Bradford MDC
Cllr Andy Paraskos	North Yorkshire Council
Neil Whittaker	Unite the Union
Heather Ruane	Leeds Bradford Airport Support Group
Marilyn Banister	Menston Parish Council
Bob Felstead	Burley & Wharfedale Parish Council
Cllr Penny Robinson	Otley Town Council
Cllr Peter Gable	Rawdon Parish Council
Cllr Paul Bone	Pool Parish Council
Martin Hughes	Local Resident (Horsforth end of runway)
Alan Moore	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum
Keith Batty	Vale of York Gliding Clubs
Jane Dowson	Inner North West Community Committee

Members Apologies:

Cllr John Howard	Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council – sub I Robinson
Cllr Colin Campbell	Local Resident Rep (Yeadon end of runway) – sub S Lay
Cllr Richard Knowles	Baildon Town Council
Paul Moss	Sherburn Aero Clubs
Cllr Simon Dowling	Horsforth Town Council

Non-Attendance:

Stella Walsh	Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Cllr Raymond Jones	Leeds City Council (Lab)
Cllr Pillai	Calderdale Council

Airport Officers Present:

Charles Johnson	Head of Planning and Development
Vincent Hodder	CEO
John Cunliffe	Commercial Director
Joselyn Rankin	Head of Corporate Affairs & Sustainability

Minutes taken by Elle Monk (Executive Support Coordinator)

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting

Apologies had been received ahead of the meeting from:

Cllr John Howard – deputy I Robinson
Cllr Colin Campbell – deputy S Lay
Cllr Richard Knowles
Paul Moss
Cllr Simon Dowling

2. Organisational Announcements / New Members

No organisational announcements.

New members include:

Cllr Jane Dowson – Inner North West Community Committee
Cllr Alex Mitchell – City of Bradford MDC
Neil Whittaker – Unite the Union

3. Community Consultative Events Update

Joselyn Rankin attended the meeting to provide an update on the recent *LBA Community – a sustainable business and good neighbour* events that have been taking place. Recent locations included Cookridge, Guiseley, Otley, and Bramhope, with attendance strong at all the events.

Topics covered included sustainability, noise, carbon emissions, and night movements. With more specific community related discussions taking place, for example Cookridge discussions highlighted LBA Parkway Station, actions from this meeting are being followed up with WYCA and Network Rail.

Councillors provided positive feedback on format of the sessions and suggested improvements to engage different demographics and suggested moving from presentation style to more listening-focused approach.

Four events remain this financial year, locations include:

3rd November – Kirkstall
13th November – Menston
February dates TBC but events will be held in Baildon and Meanwood

From April 2026 (next FY), events will shift to a roundtable format resulting in action plans for each neighbouring community.

Councillors requested presentation slides. Joss confirmed these will be shared once finalised.

Charles will share noise action plan document with members.

Q: Are there any plans for an airport viewing point or spotting area to be created or reestablished, engaging further community involvement?

A: Not at the moment, priorities lay with our direct passengers.

Q: Are there any plans for the Cemetery Road historical viewing point to be cleared up to ensure planes can be viewed from here?

A: Discussions have been ongoing with landowners; however, it is in our plans to tidy this area to ensure planes can be viewed.

4. LBA:REGEN Update

John Cunliffe, Commercial Director, provided an update on the current works. He reported that phase 1 is now complete and opened operationally on Tuesday 17 June. Phase 2 is underway, scheduled for completion in early 2027. Phase 3 will focus on new aircraft stands. Once completed, the ground floor will include 5 retail units including coffee, convenience, and a space reserved for arrivals duty-free, when regulations permit. The departure floor layout will encompass 12 units. Burger King (BK) and Tap & Brew already open, with space for a second WDF store to open in the terminal expansion.

JC confirmed the units:

- Unit 7/8 – Sports retailer
- Unit 9 – Upper crust
- Unit 10 – CTN and pharmacy
- Unit 12 – Juniper Bar (premium bar offering)
- Unit 13 – Monty's Diner
- Unit 14 – Starbucks
- Unit 18 – Second CTN
- Unit 19 – FX provision

Addition of a prayer room (new facility not currently offered).

Charles Johnson presented images of current works being carried out by Farrans Construction, with approximately 18+ months of works remaining. Minor issues are being resolved, with progress described as positive and on track.

Work has begun on two additional aircraft stands which are currently on track to be completed and in operational use by summer 2026. Design work for a further two stands is currently in progress.

Feedback raised on the Avro Lounge. JC acknowledged feedback, noting the current lounge offering is being reviewed and work is ongoing to improve the proposition, aligned with passenger feedback. Aim is for the lounge experience to be significantly improved on future visits.

Q: Is there opportunity for a fly through video to be produced for passengers?

A: CGI images are being produced.

Q: Is there opportunity to improve the seating offering even further in phase 2, to ensure those who do not want to sit in a retail unit can have access to a chair? Will there be access to arm rests on the seating?

A: Yes, additional seating is available as part of phase 2, some of which will include armrests.

Q: With all the additional retail units and restaurant being added, will there be sufficient ventilation across the units?

A: Yes, ventilation is included in the designs for all the units where kitchens are in operation.

Q: Will there be an appropriate number of bins to coincide with the increased food availability?

A: Yes, bins will be situated throughout the terminal.

Q: Will there be a sensory room or quiet room available for those with sensory needs, where an airport environment could be over stimulating?

A: The original plans for the regeneration included a sensory room, however the original compliance needs from Yorkshire Fire changed and meant that the room had to be repurposed as a fire refuge area to ensure compliance.

Q: Can the airport confirm whether it will have a smoking area or not?

A: A smoking area will be coming as part of phase 2.

Q: Is Greggs staying on the ground floor?

A: Yes, Greggs is remaining.

5. Business and Aviation Update

Vincent Hodder gave an update on the recent night movement enquiry outcome which was received in July. LBA is working closely with Leeds City Council (LCC) to assess the implications.

6. Any other business

Q: Doncaster Sheffield Airport reopening, what will the impact be on LBA?

A: We are expected to see little to no impact from the opening as currently we do not see a huge passenger base travelling from Doncaster to use LBA.

Interest expressed in hearing about long-term airport plans, specifically freight and cargo – to be explored at the next meeting.

AW read an email relating to Hackney Carriages at LBA – members expressed both interest and concern in the presence of Hackney Carriages at LBA. JC confirmed he would be addressing the comments in the email directly with the correspondent.

The chair closed the meeting.

Next meeting date

Monday 22nd December @ LBA Media Suite 14.00-16.00