

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held at
Leeds Bradford Airport
Monday 22nd December 2025

Members Present:

Alan Wrigley	Chairman
Cllr Barry Anderson	Leeds City Council (Con)
Cllr Raymond Jones	Leeds City Council (Lab)
Cllr Alex Mitchell	City of Bradford MDC
Neil Whittaker	Unite the Union
Lisa Greer	Menston Parish Council
Cllr Penny Robinson	Otley Town Council
Cllr Paul Bone	Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council
Cllr John Howard	Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council
Alan Moore	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum
Paul Moss	Sherburn Aero Club
Cllr Simon Dowling	Horsforth Town Council

Members Apologies:

Keith Batty	Vale of York Gliding Clubs
Cllr Richard Knowles	Baildon Town Council
Cllr Colin Campbell	Local Resident Rep (Yeadon end of runway)
Cllr Andy Paraskos	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Marilyn Banister	Menston Parish Council – Sub L. Greer
Heather Ruane	Leeds Bradford Airport Support Group
Martin Hughes	Local Resident (Horsforth end of runway)
Pete Gable	Rawdon Parish Council
Jane Dowson	Inner North West Community Committee

Non-Attendance:

Cllr Stella Walsh	Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Bob Felstead	Burley & Wharfedale Parish Council

Airport Officers Present:

Charles Johnson	Head of Planning and Development
Nathan Stephenson	Travel Trade and Community Engagement Executive
Tracey Stevenson	Sustainability Manager

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:

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Cllr Richard Knowles	Baildon Town Council
Cllr Colin Campbell	Local Resident Rep (Yeadon end of runway)
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2. Organisational Announcements / New Members

Charles Johnson (CJ) provided an organisational update on the introduction of Aena as majority shareholder. LBA has entered into a binding agreement to sell a 51% stake in a newly formed holding company to Aena, with InfraBridge retaining 49% (subject to regulatory approvals). Leeds Bradford Airport and Newcastle International Airport fall within the holding company but will continue to operate independently. There will be no change to day-to-day operations.

Q: Are any staffing changes expected as a result?

A: No.

3. Mobile Noise Monitoring Update

Tracey Stevenson provided an update on mobile noise monitoring in local areas, confirming that LBA has invested in two additional monitoring devices due to increased demand.

Recent noise monitoring report from Otley, near the Chevin, showed that newer aircraft are significantly quieter than older models, and the findings will be shared with residents.

Further monitoring is underway between Menston and Otley, with results to be shared once completed.

Q: How far is the noise monitor from the direct flight path?

A: Tracey will have to complete some further work on the noise measurements.

Q: Can we charge the noisier aircraft more for operating them?

A: Yes, current landing fees vary depending on the aircraft which is being operated.

Q: Where are the current noise monitors placed?

A: Horsforth, Menston and Otley.

4. UK ACC Annual Meeting

Alan Wrigley shared an update from the recent UK Annual ACC Meeting. A key outcome of the meeting shared that PRM experiences across UK airports are improving, including Leeds Bradford with an enhanced PRM offering.

AW advised that ACCs are assessed against a defined set of criteria. AW confirmed that LBA is currently performing well, with only one amber rating, due to ACC meeting dates not being published in advance.

ACC membership will be listed on the LBA website going forward to align with UK ACC rules.

CJ shared some key highlights from the recently published 'UKACC A Practical Guide':-

ACC's:

- Bring together local stakeholders to understand airport operations and future ambitions.
- Do not lobby, but they help shine a light on matters of importance to local people, passengers and other airport users.
- Facilitate constructive discussions between a wide range of interests.

ACC's need to:

- Recognise the wider role the airport plays as an employers and driver of local economies
- Help to promote a good passenger journey and user experience.
- Be constructive in influencing airport matters.
- Hold the airport to account by monitoring commitments made by airports.
- Be a critical friend to airports offering an advisory role and being objectively critical of areas and issues of concern.
- Gather views of local organisations prior to meetings and feed back to the wider community after meetings.

5. Night Movement Enquiry

ACC members discussed the recent Night Movement Enquiry communication. It was noted that LBA should use clear, simple language and avoid jargon to ensure messages can be accurately relayed to local communities.

It was agreed that members holding roles on both the ACC and LCC planning boards must declare any conflicts of interest. Those members will exclude themselves from discussions on planning matters relating to the Night Movement Enquiry, with exclusions recorded in the minutes for transparency.

6. LBA REGEN Update

CJ gave an LBA:REGEN update, showing a range of photos to the group of updates across the terminal. Phase 2 is underway. Phase 1 has been operation for 6+ months with positive traction.

The Lounge offerings have been reviewed and modified based on feedback. A new AMT coffee shop is also now open, airside and landside with positive feedback to date. ACC members shared positive experience of 681 Lounge, and the new baggage reclaim area.

Q: Is hoarding being used to tell people what is going on?

A: A lot is being used for directional signage, some to update people of the works being done.

Q: Are the new aircraft stands being used?

A: These should be operational soon.

Q: How will more vulnerable passengers be supported throughout the airport when it does open?

A: We have dedicated ORAT specialists within the airport to ensure accessibility.

7. Any other business

AirportsUK – Business Rates

An update was provided on ongoing discussions led by AirportsUK regarding proposed increases in business rates. CJ confirmed that Leeds Bradford Airport's Chief Financial Officer, Alex Tong, sits on the AirportsUK Board and is involved in discussions of this nature.

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There are no substantive updates at present. CJ confirmed that the pre-application process is currently underway with LCC in advance of the submission of any formal planning application.

CJ is looking into the issues with the mailing list for ACC communication distribution to ensure all members are receiving communications – this will be resolved ahead of the next meeting.

The chair closed the meeting.

Next meeting date

April 1st, 2026 @ LBA Media Suite (14.00-16.00)