

Airport Consultative Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WORKING PARTY

4th April 2023 @ 10:00 hours,

Meeting held at Lulsgate House and virtually using Microsoft Teams

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

David Hall, Chairman

Hannah Pollard, Head of Sustainability, Bristol Airport (JS)

Laurie Vaughn - Wrington Parish Council (LV)

Hilary Burn, Cleve Parish Council (HB)

Lindsay Howe North Somerset Council (RA)

Simon Earles, Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Director, Bristol Airport

Alicia Fox- secretary

Apologies for absence

Gill Patch, Winford Parish Council (GP)

Jacqui Mills, Public Relations and Community Manager, Bristol Airport

Dee Mawn North Somerset Council (RA)

Roger Wood, Yatton Parish Council (RW)

Matthew Sharp, Planning Manager

- **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th January 2023**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

- **Matters arising from previous meetings**

Request to contact DfT in relation to their studies and what Bristol Airport can do to help- Hannah to roll the action on and update at the next month.

HB- Why is the night noise report being done January- June which is the quietest months of the year?

HP- Will look into this and report back.

- **Sustainability Update- 1st Quarter 2023**

Attached in appendix A

HB- When will the additional 8 electric buses be coming to the fleet? What proportion of the total fleet do the electric buses make up?

SE- The Climate and Carbon Change Action Plan is with North Somerset Council, the fleet replacement is a multi year plan. The target is set to be in place by 2030 but it is a phased plan. The numbers regarding proportion can be circulated at a later date and will be included in the AMR.

HB- Praised the wildflower planting but asked what will happen with it attracting birds?

HP- Reassured HB that everything had been done to mitigate birds coming into the airport.

HB- When will the trees in the silver zone be planted?

SE- Unaware a commitment had been made but will follow up.

DH- Would be good to know how much power is being generated by the solar array?

SE- The solar array once fully installed will be over 20% of the renewable source used by the airport.

Airspace Activity – Flight Tracks

SE- Is this information useful to the group?

HB- Yes it is useful as it is useful to look at the height of the flights.

Action-Check with the flight school on fuel use and report back to EEWP- HP to find out for the next meeting.

- **Planning update**

12mppa Planning Permission

The Planning Inspectors' recommendation and Secretary of State's decision on the Compulsory Purchase Order was received on 16th March 2023. The decision allowed the CPO, which will now enable Bristol Airport to acquire land along the A38 and Downside Road which was necessary to widen the road to facilitate the 12mppa planning application.

The High Court Decision on the 12mppa planning application was received on 31st January 2023. The High Court Judge dismissed all six grounds of challenge. BAAN sought permission from the High Court to appeal immediately back to the High Court on three of the grounds, but this was also rejected.

On the 21st March 2023, BAAN applied to appeal to the Court of Appeal on three grounds of challenge, focusing on climate change matters. The case will now be considered by a Lord/Lady Justice of Appeal and they will decide whether the case should go to the Court of Appeal or not. We expect to have an outcome within approximately 1-3 months.

Material to discharge four conditions was required to be submitted to NSC within 6 months of the 12mppa decision date. This material has been submitted (Ref: 22/P/1863/AOC), but the discharge of condition application is still currently under consideration. The Airport submitted material to discharge the following conditions:

- o 8 – Air Quality Action Plan – (Discussions with NSC Officers continuing)
- o 9 - Climate and Carbon Change Action Plan - (Discussions with NSC Officers continuing)
- o 10 – Scheme for installation of electric vehicle charging points – (agreement in principle with Highway Officers)
- o 11 – Strategy for increasing number of electric taxis – (agreement in principle with Highway Officers)

An application to the Secretary of State to designate Bristol Airport as fully coordinated was made in the summer 2022. BAL has worked with DfT to address some questions raised and a second consultation is expected soon.

Material to discharge condition 5 of the 12mppa application was required to be submitted to NSC within 12 months of the 12mppa decision date. Condition 5 requires the Airport to set out how it will ensure it will not exceed 12 million passengers. As noted above, at present, the application to become fully coordinated is with the DfT awaiting formal public consultation. Full coordination is central to managing and controlling aircraft movements and consequently passenger numbers. Once the DfT consultation commences, the public will have the opportunity to scrutinise and comment on the information. Consequently, the airport appreciate that the Local Planning Authority cannot discharge condition 5 before the DfT have made their decision.

However, as condition 5 required Bristol Airport to submit details within 12 months of the date of the planning permission (submission by February 2023), it was decided that they would submit details (in order to comply with the planning condition wording), but the Local Planning Authority would likely hold the application in abeyance until the DfT had

come to a conclusion. Please be assured that the 12mppa cap is not affected by this submission. This condition will not remove the 12mppa cap.

Permitted Development Consultations

A permitted development consultation was submitted to NSC in February 2023. The consultation related to the provision of new cabins, toilet facility and smoking shelter, plus the relocation of an existing cabin and container. The new accommodation was for airline Jet2 and OCS Group. OCS Group provide the special assistance for persons of restricted mobility to get around the Airport and to embark and disembark aircraft. The planning reference number is 23/P/0369/AIN. NSC responded on 15th March 2023 and had no comments to make. Construction will commence shortly.

Update on Applications Submitted to North Somerset Council

A discharge of condition application in relation to the 12mppa four conditions was submitted in July 2022 (see above). A discharge of condition application in relation to condition 5 was submitted in February 2023 (see above).

Consultations and Applications to be Submitted in the Next Quarter

Consultation on MSCP2 and the Public Transport Interchange is likely to occur shortly (delayed from February). The scheme already has consent as part of the 10mppa permission, but they are looking to make some minor changes to the design. They will therefore submit a Non-Material Amendment to NSC which will be consulted upon. This will also be accompanied by a permitted development consultation for onsite road layout changes to serve the scheme.

The airport are also looking to locate an EV Hub adjacent to Lulsgate House. A PD consultation for the new Hub is likely soon. Design is going through its final stages. The Hub will provide rapid and ultra rapid charging facilities for electric vehicles – meaning a charge time could be as low as 10 minutes. It will have a food and beverage offer, along with waiting facilities. They are looking to relocate the current free waiting area to be immediately adjacent to the new Hub, making this a more attractive designated waiting area, hopefully meaning fewer taxis and passengers waiting in inappropriate locations and residential areas.

(Due to the nature of operational development, there is the possibility of additional GPDO requests / planning applications in the next quarter.)

HB- How many EV charging points will be installed?

SE- Starting with 12 but hope to get it up to 3 times that.

- **Any other business (AOB)**

LH- Aviation smell on Downside road complaint, NSC went to visit but no smell at the time and not heard anything since.

HB- Carbon offsetting do not have the real value they are supposed to have. Could we have an update at the next EEWP meeting on the credits that have been purchased.

- **Dates for future Meetings 2023**
 - **To enable future meetings to be conducted and minutes produced to be included in the Consultative Committee packs this is the date for the next Environmental Effects Working Party:**
 - **5^h July 2023 9.30**

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