

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRISTOL AIRPORT
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON 19th April 2023

Meeting commenced: 2.30pm

Meeting concluded: 4.08pm

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Councillor Laurie Vaughn	Wroughton Parish Council
Councillor Gill Patch	Winford Parish Council
Councillor Joachim Steinbach	Parish Council Airport Association
Richard Capps	TUC, Bristol and South West Region
Robert Durie	Business West and Bristol Chamber and Initiative
Ian Porter	Vice Chairman/ Interim Chairman
Wendy Walker	Passenger interests /ABTA/ATOL
Councillor Hilary Burn	Cleeve Parish Council
Carl Symonds	Airlines operating from the Airport
Simon Earles	Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Director, Bristol Airport

Also in attendance:-

Matthew Sharp	Planning Manager, Bristol Airport
Jacqui Mills	Public Relations Manager, Bristol Airport
Hannah Pollard	Head of Sustainability and Social Value, Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Corporate Affairs Executive
Whitney Love	Sustainability Officer
Alicia Fox	Secretary
Jack Barnad	STANTEC
David Silvey	STANTEC
Claire Arbery	Head of IOT

1 member of the public.

3123. Public Participation

JH- Previous Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) have detailed information on full time/ part time, number of jobs and number of companies. The current AMR does not provide this information and it would be useful to see it for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. JH would like a logical explanation at

how the Airport came to the conclusion of an increase of 4000 jobs for the 12mmpa planning application from the current 10mmpa.

SE advised the Airport team will take the above requests away for consideration.

3124. Apologies for Absence

Dave Lees	Chief Executive of Bristol Airport
John Savage	Visit West
Neil Bromwich	CBI

3125. Declarations of Interest for Local Authority Elected Members - none

3126. Minutes from 18th January 2023 (previously circulated)

a) Confirmation of Accuracy:

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record with the above amendment and be signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising

JM apologized for the delay in the pack being circulated and advises it was due to staff changes and the Easter break.

3127. Replacement Airport Surface Access Strategy- David Silvey from Stantec

Presentation attached as Appendix A

WW advised it would be useful for STANTEC to contact local travel agents within Weston-Super-Mare and Bristol for their opinions.

JM will follow this up.

RC asked whether the team had reached out to trade unions such as Unite/GMB, he will provide DS with the contact details needed.

HB enquired how DS thought the results of this strategy would vary from the one that was put forward as part of the 12mmpa application.

HB requested that the report highlighted differences to the 12mmpa application.

DS advised he was unsure on what the findings would be and it would be a case of going through the reports and looking at the differences.

SE said that the report is a requirement for the 12mmpa application and that they have an obligation to report on progress.

It was agreed that the Transport Forum is the primary group to work on the replacement airport surface access strategy however; they will keep the ACC updated.

DS advised there will be many questions on the survey including questions about getting to and from the airport. He has said that Parishes will be receiving the information on the 20th April 2023 but if they need additional time to respond to let him know.

3128. Institute of Technology (IOT)- Claire Arbery

The IOT is a consortium led by Weston College; it covers Gloucestershire, WECA and Somerset. They have licenced support from local business who are keen to upskill or reskill their employees in addition to this they also have key supporters, the airport being one of them.

The IOT tend to work in the post A-Level- pre degree range, which includes T-Levels and apprenticeships.

They are the top performing IOT in the country and have met all targets for level 4 and 5. In addition they have achieved a 500% increase in their target to enrol more females and have doubled their target for mature students.

They are constantly trialling different ways of learning for example offering bitesize quality pieces of information. Some of these learning modules are now being built into modules at the colleges, which are being taught to 16-18 year olds.

The IOT have held a very successful 12-week boot camp where the aim was to upskill existing workers. They held a Hydrogen course teaching staff how to safely handle Hydrogen. They offered 2 courses with upskilling people on how to service/fix electric vehicles and how to safely use the high voltage systems. Both of these courses had a 100% success rate.

CA agreed for her contact details to be shared, her email address is: claire.arbery@weston.ac.uk

DH asked if the IOT are monitoring the Gravity site?

CA said they are keeping their eye on both the Gravity site and Hydrogen Southwest.

3129. Chief Executive Officer Report

Attached as Appendix B

HB- The new airlines which are mentioned, what generation of aircraft are they using?

SE will come back to the HB on this matter.

3130. Agreement on when/how to respond to consultations

Consultations highlighted by the UKACCS newsletters will only be responded to by the ACC if more than 1 member offers views/comments otherwise the member needs to submit an independent response.

Where the Chair deems a response is necessary, he will provide a draft, which will be circulated to members for comments. Any comments received will be included where they are relevant/appropriate.

JSt Parishes will continue to make their own responses to consultations.

DH advised he encouraged Parishes to make independent responses and that the above only applies to an ACC response.

JSt asked whether the airport will be responding to the CAA Consultation Airspace change masterplan: scoping the environmental assessments, and whether the airport will be instructing any environmental scientists?

SE Bristol Airport was digesting the consultation and considering whether it will make a response or not.

JSt requested ACOG attend to present at a future ACC meeting.

HB highlighted that that some airports are required to have Habitats Regulations due to their location, and given Bristol Airport's location to the Greater and Lesser Bats, they should be subject to the Habitats Regulation.

3131. Questions to Airport Management

GP asked if a litter pick was planned for Felton Village Hall and surrounding area.

GP was advised they airport will get this sorted.

3132. Planning Update

12mppa Planning Permission

The Planning Inspectors' recommendation and Secretary of State's decision on the Compulsory Purchase Order was received on 16 th 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 31 st 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 21 st 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 five conditions was required to be submitted to NSC within specific timeframes. This material has been submitted (Ref: 22/P/1863/AOC) and (23/P/0176/AOC)

8 – Air Quality Action Plan – (Discussions with NSC Officers continuing)

9 - Climate and Carbon Change Action Plan - (Discussions with NSC Officers continuing)

10 – Scheme for installation of electric vehicle charging points – (agreement in

principle with Highway Officers)

11 – Strategy for increasing number of electric taxis – (agreement in principle with Highway Officers)

5 – Methodology for keeping within the 12mppa cap (Discussions with Officers continuing)

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 15 th March 2023 and had no comments to make. Construction will commence shortly.

A permitted development consultation for a new intake electricity substation was submitted to NSC on 6th April. The reference number is 23/P/0766/AIN.

Update on Applications Submitted to North Somerset Council

A prior approval for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Snow Base was submitted to NSC on 5 th April. The reference is 23/P/0723/SJA. The scheme will help to achieve the Airport's target of having 25% of its energy provided onsite.

A non-material amendment for MSCP2 and the PTI was submitted to NSC on 5 th April. The reference is 23/P0810/NMA. The scheme already has consent as part of the 10mppa permission, but we are looking to make some minor changes to the design. The NMA is accompanied by a permitted development consultation for onsite road layout changes to serve the scheme.

Consultations and Applications to be Submitted in the Next Quarter

As previously reported, we 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. We 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.)

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

3133. Statistics (report attached)

(a) Passenger

(b) Aircraft movements

(c) Flyer volumes

DH asked whether committee found these reports useful, it was agreed they were helpful as they highlighted the growth of the airport.

RC asked if it was possible for the airport to provide the same statistics but for cars.

SE did not think this was feasible for the airport to do it. It was noted that highway count data was held by NSC.

HB asked for 2019 statistics to be included in the AMR as it was the last full year of growth pre pandemic and it is useful to have it as a comparison figure.

It was agreed the 2019 figure could be included.

HB also asked whether all past papers could be put into an accessible online bank. This point will be taken away and looked into.

3134. Reports:

- Draft Minutes – Environmental Effects Working Party and Environmental Monitoring Report (on website)
- Bristol Airport Local Community Fund (on website)

JSt queried why Winford Parish Council was allowed a grant for something which should have been covered by Highways. He also raised concerns over who was voting on the applications.

DH highlighted the application met the criteria of the community fund and only the 4 district councillors vote on the committee, officers are there only in an advisory body.

HB thanked the airport for information that had been provided relating to the community fund; however she asked for greater clarity on the Nature and Road criteria.

SE confirmed that the process and criteria relating to the noise and community fund associated with the 12mppa planning consent would provide an opportunity to make changes. This will be considered in the months ahead.

- Transport Forum Minutes
- Press releases link was attached to the agenda.

These were noted by the committee.

3135. Items of General Interest

Vice Chair will need to be elected in July's meeting as this is IP last meeting.

IP was thanked for his dedicated service by both DH and SE on behalf of the airport.

- The July AGM will be a buffet lunch prior to the meeting.
- An update on Hydrogen SouthWest will be given in July.
- October we will be holding a 'meet and greet' of new members.

JM- Warm space initiative- has been very successful. The hotel has been open to very local residents to come and enjoy the warm space free of charge. It will be coming to an end at the end of April but they will look to offer it again for next winter.

JP provided an update from the Disability Forum. She advised that they were really pleased the airport had included them in decisions and hoped this would carry on.

The chair of the Disability Forum asked JP to share the following:

Inclusion and accessibility are important to everything the airport do. Progress has been made and hope that all future decisions made at the board table include inclusion and accessibility rather than it being an afterthought. It is much easier for it to be considered from the offset rather than retrofitting.

SE told the ACC how they now have a 2023 Equality Impact Assessment which means all new policies will include this. The Airport have also now joined Inclusive Employer's which will hold the airport to account and help to guide them.

JM updated the ACC on the change to the drop and go carpark. Blue badge holders will now receive 40 minutes reduced parking and now just need to scan their badge at the exit gate rather than exiting the car.

WL advised the committee the Noise Insulation Scheme is now open for applications until the 1st June.

3136. Notification of Items of Business for the Next Agenda

3137. Any other business which the Chairman deems to be urgent

Earlier time of the EEWP meeting of 9.30 on 5th July.

Meeting closed 4.08pm.

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Airport Surface Access Strategy

Engagement Plans



Our objectives

- Gather new information from stakeholders on their challenges and perception of access to Bristol Airport.
- Capture and analyse existing information, including the latest Staff Travel Survey and feedback from existing forums.
- Analyse, and give due regard to feedback to help inform the new Airport Surface Access Strategy.

Methodology

- Engagement and data capture will be centred around a survey. This will ensure that feedback received is targeted, controlled and will enable efficient analysis.
- Surveys will be tailored to the individual respondents
- Meetings with stakeholders and engagement groups will be targeted, using existing channels where possible.



Engagement Groups

- Bristol Airport Staff
- Business Partners (Terminal)
- Local Authorities
- Local Parish Councils
- Wider Stakeholders including supply chain and transport providers

Surveys

“I am confident I can travel to and from the airport with ease”

- Online Surveys
- Use of QR codes
- Paper surveys will be provided where required
- Posters will be displayed in staff areas
- Attending relevant meetings – in person or online
- Visiting individual businesses as appropriate



Timescales

- We will launch the surveys on Thursday 20 April 2023
- Survey data collection will close on Thursday 18 May 2023



Our contact details

If you have any questions or would like us to present to any existing forums please contact us directly:

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Executive Officer's report to the Bristol Airport Consultative Committee

April 2023

Introduction



Bristol Airport experienced one of our busiest ever Easter periods this year as travel continues to recovery strongly from the pandemic. Over 400,000 passengers travelled through the Airport, with 30,000 on Good Friday alone.

I was pleased to see that security and check-in coped well with the high passenger numbers, which demonstrates the benefits of our decision to advise our business partners to recruit early in anticipation of a busy 2023. As we move through the remainder of the year there will no doubt be bumps in the road, but we are confident of avoiding the same level of operational challenges that we and wider sector experienced last summer.

Naturally we welcomed the High Court's dismissal of the legal challenge against the Planning Inspectorate's permission for our expanded capacity. That is now subject to a potential legal appeal, which we expect to hear more about in the coming months, although no new grounds were raised as part of the latest appeal process.

We've had real success attracting new people to Bristol Airport but as is the case for all businesses in our region, recruitment isn't easy at the moment, so we held another careers fair in March, with over 100 permanent and seasonal jobs on offer, and another will be held in May. We've now got an in-house colleague dedicated to attracting new talent, who's working closely with North Somerset Council and regional organisations to bring in local people who've been excluded from the workplace. As the largest private sector employer in the area, we can play an important role getting people back into work.

We see our future opportunity as taking some of the market share of the 8 million plus passengers who leave our region to fly from London airports each year. Of course, Bristol Airport will never serve many of the long-haul destinations that Heathrow provides, but half of those 8 million are taking short-haul flights. To provide greater choice and connection options, in late March and early April we saw three new airlines begin services at Bristol Airport, with Aegean providing a direct link to Athens, and Sunexpress and Corendon providing holiday flights to Turkey. SWISS began their Zurich link in February, which is already attracting strong numbers of inbound visitors coming from Switzerland. In total, we expect to provide links to 123 destinations during 2023, which is our highest number to date.

I have already written to update the ACC but to reiterate, the Department for Transport has decided to run a second consultation on our application to become a fully coordinated airport, which would create slots for aircraft through the year. This is a fairly technical consultation that is primarily going to be of interest to the airlines and other companies who use the airport, but I wanted to reassure ACC members that slots in no way 'trump' our current or future planning conditions, including our annual passenger cap and night flight restrictions.

Finally, in the coming weeks we'll see some major changes to the look of the airfield as construction of our 1.6mw solar array gets going. This will significantly increase our on-site renewable energy generation and move us close to our target of generating 25% of our own electricity.

Operational update

The Easter period saw over 400,000 passengers pass through the terminal, with good operational performance throughout. Prolonged industrial action by French air traffic control has caused delays and some cancellations to flights to France. Closer to home, UK Border Force continue to have disputes with the PCS union, with a potential strike at the end of the April. To date, the impact of this industrial action on Bristol Airport has been minimal.

Aegean Airlines, a Star Alliance member, began a direct flight to Athens at the end of March. This includes a dedicated business product and onward connections to 54 countries from Athens. **Corendon Airlines** began operating a twice weekly service to Antalya, Turkey, and **Sunexpress** began their route to the same destination, which will fly three times a week during the summer. **Aer Lingus** announced that a new 6-times weekly connection to Cork will begin at the end of April, provided through their Emerald Airlines regional service.

Following their announcement that the airline will serve 32 destinations from Bristol this year, **Jet2** have taken their baggage handling and ramp operations in-house. This is inline with their practices at their other major airports and sees the airline in full control of its own ground operations, rather than using a third party.

Investment continues to be made in the terminal, with a refurbished bar and restaurant now open as part of a wider £4million upgrade of the departures area. The bar is now known as the Brigg & Stow, which is derived from Bristol's original name of 'Brigg Stow', meaning "meeting place at the bridge" in the original Saxon. In keeping with the local theme, the Brigg & Stow will sell a number of regional products.

At the end of March, NATS made some significant changes to the airspace in the South West and Wales above 7,000ft. Above 24,500ft, Free Route Airspace will allow aircraft to fly their preferred route between a defined entry and exit point, which was not previously possible. Between 24,500 and 7,000ft, Systemised Airspace will introduce highly defined flight paths using the available airspace more efficiently than previous structures, which were based on now outdated technologies. The overall benefit is reduced flight time, fuel burn, and emissions.

Airspace below 7,000ft, which is generally of more interest to the public, was unaffected. As you're aware, this is being examined again as part of a UK-wide refresh and we will keep the ACC informed as we move further down this process.

Sustainability

In February, we welcomed delegations from Finland and Norway to Bristol Airport, supported by the UK embassies in those nations. They visited to hear about our efforts to decarbonise our airport operations and the partnerships we've formed to accelerate the delivery of zero emissions flight.

Our progress toward net zero operations by 2030 continues, with diesel vehicles steadily being replaced with EVs, with our fourth co-bus now electrified. We are running a competition with Winford Primary School to name the electric buses. In the coming weeks we will see construction of the 1.6mw solar array to the south of the airfield, which will considerably increase our on-site renewable power generation.

Our partnership with the Groundwork Trust continues, with funding from the Community Fund being used to provide a Ground Source Heat Pump to power their Goblin Coombe facility. Separately, we are working with the Eden Project on a wildflower landscape project to support biodiversity.

Hydrogen South West, which Bristol Airport is a founding member of, continues to move forward rapidly, with new members joining, including the West of England Institute of Technology. Hydrogen South West held a reception in the House of Commons, introducing the consortium to national stakeholders.

Community

Bristol Airport has been working closely with North Somerset Council as the new WESTlink, a new on-demand bus service, begins operating in the West of England. This has the potential to provide new public transport links between the Airport and areas outside of our existing bus routes.

The Local Community Fund has made grants of £59,866 to 13 different projects.

Letters have been issued to 474 properties within the 57 decibels noise contour to make them aware of the latest round of noise insulation grants, asking that applications are made by 1st June.

Dave Lees

Chief Executive Officer