

Airport Consultative Committee
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WORKING PARTY

11th July 2017

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

Jill Patch, Winford Parish Council
David Glynn, Wrington Parish Council
Melanie King, Environment Manager, Bristol Airport
Richard Allard, North Somerset Council
Matt Johns, Johns Associates

1. Apologies for absence

Mark Herbert, Planning Manager, Bristol Airport
Steven Mitchell, Backwell Parish Council

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th April 2017

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

3. Matters arising

An issue was raised in the previous meeting regarding the South Bristol link road traffic lights. Melanie advised that this query was best raised to North Somerset Council Highways department who manage the junction. The airport would also raise this with their contacts at NSC.

Action: MH

4. Monitoring statistics

Melanie King provided a presentation on environmental statistics for the last quarter (April to June).

Key points noted:

- There was the usual seasonal increase in noise complaints.
- There was an increase in noise complaints in June, largely associated with the UEFA Champions League weekend flights. Melanie explained that all complaints had been responded to explaining the reason for the increase in activity over that particular weekend.
- Runway usage had shown typical levels, with runway use dictated by weather conditions.
- Track-keeping performance remains steady. Ryanair had won the Tracker Awards in May.
- Noise levels showed no noise infringements.

5. Presentation on Ecology by Matt Johns of Johns Associates

A presentation was provided by Matt Johns of Johns Associates, on the latest ecology monitoring results. Matt has provided ecology consultancy support to the airport for many years and more recently has updated the airport's baseline ecology data and undertaken

seasonal monitoring work. He provided information a range of species and habitats, including the bat monitoring work that had taken place over the previous two weeks.

Melanie advised that a Biennial Ecology Progress Report will be completed by the autumn that will incorporate the findings from the monitoring work over the last two years.

6. Planning Update

A planning application had been submitted to North Somerset Council regarding the western stand operations, reference 17/P/1273/F.

7. Environmental Projects

Melanie King provided an update on the following environmental projects.

New Aircraft Performance

During May and June two new aircraft types had been seen at Bristol Airport. Thomson had started operating the B787 Dreamliner and WOW Air operated an A320neo for an individual flight. Melanie provided information from the departure noise monitors which showed that

- The one A320neo flight recorded 67.9dB at the noise monitor
- The Dreamliner flights had recorded, on average, 73.8dB at the noise monitors.

While this is from a small data set, it shows some encouraging results. Levels will continue to be monitored to assess long term trends.

Noise Insulation Grants

The Local Community Fund Committee have granted 18 more homes noise insulation grants, totally approximately £41,000 in grants.

8. AOB

Melanie advised the group that she would be leaving Bristol Airport in mid-September to pursue volunteering conservation work abroad. The group wished her well for the future.

Dates of future Meetings

The meeting dates beyond July will be decided after the ACC AGM (ACC July meeting).

Distribution:

Members of the Environmental Effects Working Party, plus the Airport Consultative Committee.

Attachments:

- Environmental Monitoring Report, April to June 2017