

MINUTES OF THE LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE FORUM ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 11:00HRS

PRESENT

Chair	Jeremy Pilgrim (JP)
LSA CEO	John Upton (JU)
LSA Operations Director	Marc Taylor (MT)
LSA Noise Manager	Jo Marchetti (JM)
LSA SATCO	Nicole Park (NP)
LSA minute taking	Linda Hull (LH)
Leigh Residents Association	Ray Evans (RE)
SS0 member	Joanna Spencer (JS)
SS2 member	John Bailey (JB)
Dept of Transport (DfT)	Ian Green (IG)
ECC	Mike Steptoe (MS)
RDC	CLlr Julie Gooding (JG)
Envirosuite (WebTrak)	Kris Barnard (KB)

APOLOGIES

Chalkwell Ward Residents Association	Sally Holland
Burges Estate Residents Association	Michael Dyer
SS4 member	Kevin Salt
SS5 member	Mandy Johnson
SS9 member	Richard Allen
Envirosuite (WebTrak)	Peter Rafano

1.	<p>Welcome and introductions by the Chair</p> <p>John Upton was introduced to the forum as the new CEO replacing Glyn Jones. Marc Taylor was introduced as the airport Operations Director. Introductions were made for the benefit of new attendees.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting 01/09/22 were agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Outstanding actions from previous meeting<ol style="list-style-type: none">Action – Chair to send final email, confirming that if a response has not been received from the outstanding members by 14th September, they will be removed from the forum. Update: Following discussion on membership JP will send a final request for emailsAction – Chair to send responses to be added to emails. Update: Chair to actionAction – Chair to send Auto Response for emails from SS4 Resident. Update: Chair to action <p>JB confirmed that he would provide an email for SS2 following the meeting. <i>Post-meeting note: SS2 email address received. SS9 email outstanding.</i></p> <p>ACTION JM to publish an updated members list including contact email addresses on the LSA website</p>

- Membership Vacancies
There are currently five member vacancies in SS1, SS3, SS6, SS7 and SS8 areas, although it was acknowledged that some of these areas are not necessarily affected by aircraft noise and may not have an interest in the forum.
- Terms of Reference (ToR)
See below discussion under Community Engagement
ACTION: The Chair and JU to review the ToR and circulate a draft to members ahead of the next meeting.

3. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As the forum has now been meeting for over a year, discussions took place as to how improvements could be made to ensure more resident representation on the forum. This also included how it could be widened to factor in community groups and more members from areas that generated more complaints.

Concerns were raised about attendance and the ability of members to connect with their community to update them on noise matters discussed at forum meetings.

It was suggested that the forum be opened to local parish councils/councillors as they would be more likely to engage with their local communities. IG (DfT) agreed that other airport forums invited parish council members and that seemed to work well.

The Chair expressed concern that the forum needs to remain non-political but would be happy to consider parish councils, and other local community groups.

JB (SS2) suggested the timing of the meetings may be difficult for some members. Asked if meetings could be taken online, IG suggested that, in his experience at other noise forums, forums such as this usually work better face to face. The dates for the 2023 meetings have been agreed however the Chair would consider changing some of the 2023 dates to early evening so more members can attend.

The Chair asked what other airports have Noise Forums. IG confirmed that only Gatwick, Heathrow and Edinburgh currently have them. LSA is not obligated to provide a noise forum, but it was really positive to see LSA as one of the few UK airports trying to establish better communications with residents over noise issues.

Members were asked how they communicate with their postcode areas. Discussion took place with various suggestions as follows:

- Put items on social media platforms beforehand, asking for any questions/concerns and can then update after the meeting has taken place
- JU suggested that we have a dedicated channel in order that people can contact directly/share items for discussion
- Can members use a template to make advertising easier re the meetings, sharing post-meeting notes with their residents?

ACTION: ToR to be reviewed and shared with members before the next forum meeting (*refer to action under Terms of Reference above*).

ACTION: The Chair to confirm 2023 times/dates by 31/12/22

4. **Airport update – John Upton CEO**

JU gave some background on his previous employment and that he was spending his early time in role to learn and understand more about the airport. He had met with some residents from Wells Avenue recently who had requested a meeting to talk specifically about how airport operations affect those living near to the airport boundary. JU expressed his desire to bring all noise discussion under the forum in the future. JU is also engaging with local counsellors and stakeholders.

JU has already engaged with Department for Transport and would like to explore how the airport can be both a gateway to Europe and into Britain.

LSA will facilitate a temporary cargo contact from Jan – Mar 23 with up to 3x night flight a week (aircraft arriving approx. 03:50 and based on the south side of the airport). JU advised that with the withdrawal of the previous cargo operation, c.80 jobs were unfortunately lost. The airport continues to employ approx. 200 local people. LSA is aiming for 2019 levels over the next 3-5 years but would like it to happen sooner if possible; this would increase local employment opportunities.

Questions raised:

- JB (SS2) asked if pollution could be included in forum discussions going forward. JP confirmed that this was dealt with separately through the ACC. Pollution has been specifically raised at the most recent ACC meeting by a St Laurence Ward councillor.
IG (DfT) confirmed that other airport noise forums did not include pollution as a discussion point.
JP stated that the ACC need to look at how it communicates in order that pollution discussions can be seen in the wider community.
ACTION: JM to bring to attention of the ACC at the next meeting.
- MS (ECC) asked what cargo aircraft are being used. MT stated that this has not yet been confirmed although they are likely to be a similar size to the ASL aircraft. MT explained that arrival and departure times are tied to the logistics of delivery schedules which have already been established.
- JB (SS2) asked if the post-meeting question/answer from Anderson Acoustics can be shared publicly?
See link below:
[Post meeting question on how noise is measured](#)

5. **NOISE COMPLAINT DATA**

The data for March 22 – Oct 22 were shared with forum members and can be viewed [here](#).

It was noted that complaints have reduced significantly since the removal of the previous cargo business in September. Complaints have dropped from 722 to 71

Questions raised:

- MS (ECC) asked if there had been an increase in exempt night flights (HM Coastguard)?
NP (LSA ATC) confirmed that this was the case as LSA has been the only available airport to help HM Coastguard work in relation to the immigrant channel activity. MS stated that he feels LSA should share this on social media to inform residents of the reason for the increase.
NP also advised that LSA support ambulance, medical and police helicopters.

6.	<p>Questions from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB (SS2) asked if a feasibility study could be done to move the Charlie Taxiway? MT (LSA OD) replied that a study had already commenced as part of a wider question focused on how the airport will grow in the future. He also stated that this would likely be challenging as most aircraft are based on the south side which would increase runway crossing and would present increased safety risk. NP noted that if we moved across and passengers increased, the holding noise would increase. JB commented that it would also help with dissipating fumes. MT confirmed that runway and taxiway usage remains under regular review. JU (LSA CEO) noted that this was also highlighted in the Wells Avenue meeting. • JS (SS0) asked if we could tow aircraft out to which MT replied that is would be a challenge removing tug from aircraft on live taxiway. NP stated that our infrastructure would make that almost impossible as more than one aircraft could not move at the same time. • JS (SS0) also asked that when the runway was extended, why was the flying club moved? MT answered that the eastern boundary of the airport was developed into car parking, and the Vulcan was also relocated. LSA remain open to the location of the flying clubs as it works through its infrastructure development plans as volumes come back. • JS (SS0) asked if aircraft based in other countries would be a concern. JU responded that in the event of local labour force issues, this could potentially work in our favour for airlines choosing to change plans to base with LSA. • IG (DfT) informed the forum that Baroness Vere has been appointed as the DfT minister.
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>N/A</p>
8.	<p>DATES FOR 2023 MEETINGS</p> <p>Dates and timings have been confirmed at present (TBC)-</p> <p>12:30 – 14:30 Tuesday 24 January 2023 13:30 – 15:30 Wednesday 17 May 2023 11:00 – 13:00 Tuesday 15 August 2023 11:00 – 13:00 Tuesday 14 November 2023</p>