

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held at
Leeds Bradford Airport
Wednesday 28 June 2023

Members Present:

Alan Wrigley	Chairman
Martin Hughes	Local Resident Rep (Horsforth end of runway)
Cllr Paul Bone	Pool Parish Council
Cllr Eleanor Thomson	Leeds City Council (Lab)
Cllr Kayleigh Brooks	Inner North West Community Committee
Heather Ruane	Leeds Bradford Airport Support Group
Marilyn Banister	Menston Parish Council
Cllr Peter Caffrey	Calderdale Council
Cllr Penny Robinson	Otley Town Council
Cllr Bob Felstead	Burley & Wharfedale Parish Council
Cllr Raymond Jones	Horsforth Town Council
Cllr Angela Carr	Rawdon Parish Council
Keith Batty	Vale of York Gliding Clubs
Brian Dunsby	Harrogate District Chamber of Commerce
Paul Moss	Sherburn Aero Club
Cllr Paraskos	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Richard Knowles	Baildon Town Council
Cllr Ian Robinson	Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council

Members Apologies:

Ken Cothliff	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum
Cllr Lynda Goodall	Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Cllr Colin Campbell	Local Resident Rep (Yeadon end of runway)
Karl Stephenson	Unite the Union
Cllr John Howard	Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council

Non Attendance:

Cllr Simon Cunningham	Bradford MDC
Rob Bellamy	Jet2

Airport Officers Present:

Vincent Hodder	Chief Executive Officer
Charles Johnson	Head of Planning Development
Tom Holdsworth	Aviation Development Manager
Jamie Babbin	Head of Air Traffic Services
Dan Hunt	Operations Engineer

Minutes taken by Rachel Hawkes (Executive Assistant)

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Apologies had been received ahead of the meeting from:

Cllr Colin Campbell
Cllr Lynda Goodall
Karl Stephenson
Ken Cothliff

Cllr Ian Robinson is standing in for Cllr John Howard

2. Organisational Announcements /New Members

CJ advised the committee that Gill Dixon has stood down and will be replaced by Cllr Richard Knowles.

In addition, Cllr Paraskos will be attending the ACC representing North Yorkshire.

Following the local elections, Cllr P Wadsworth was not re-elected and therefore, will be replaced by Cllr P Anderson.

3. Aviation Update

Tom Holdsworth, Aviation Development Manager, attended the meeting to provide an aviation update.

Key developments so far for 2023 include:

- Wizz Air now operate 7 routes from LBA
- Ryanair have now based a third aircraft at LBA
- Services to LHR & BHD with Flybe have now ceased

TH confirmed that the new financial year has started well and that passenger numbers for Easter were strong and that we are ahead of 2022 passenger numbers.

Mid-June saw LBA hit its 1 millionth passenger for the financial year.

Moving forward, Jet2.com will have an additional based aircraft and Sun Express will fly to Antalya from March 2024.

Q. Alan Wrigley: What is the forecasted passenger numbers for the coming year?

A. We are expecting 4.4m passengers

Q. Will future growth be more aircraft or bigger aircraft?

A. It will be a mix of both

Q. Is there a notional maximum number of movements per day?

A. No, this depends upon airline operators and destinations.

Penny Robinson queried the number of flights during the night which CJ confirmed we will pick up later in the meeting.

4. Airspace Update

Jamie Babbitt attended the meeting to give an update on the Airspace Change Programme.

JB thanked the members of the ACC for their engagement so far on the ACP.

JB advised that there isn't much to update on since the last meeting. The documents have now been uploaded onto the portal, ahead of the gateway at the end of June 23.

Additional options have been added, following feedback on a straight-ahead departure.

The next step is Stage 3, this will involve reviewing maps and adding departure lines.

JB reminded the ACC that should anyone have any queries, they can email ACP@lba.co.uk

Q. What is the relationship between LBA & DSA?

A. DSA isn't part of the Manchester TMA cluster and their previous airspace hasn't been taken into consideration.

Q. If DSA do reopen, will they have to go through the full airspace plan?

A. If they reopen, they will have to carry out a full CAP1616 ACP. CAA have also advised that as the Manchester cluster will be much further on in their ACP's, DSA would have to take these into consideration, rather than the TMA cluster having to change their plans.

5. Terminal Development Plans

Charles Johnson gave the ACC an update on the terminal development plans (Project X25).

CJ confirmed that a lot of work had taken place with an external design team.

At the start of the project, we looked at what is wrong with the current terminal and where the pinch points are in the current infrastructure.

X25 adds an extra 100,000 square foot to the existing terminal which allows LBA to use the existing terminal space in a much more efficient way.

Passengers travelling through LBA will be aware of a number of clash points between arriving and departing passengers, the extra space would allow the passenger flows to be changed. This would involve moving the current security screening area as well as the baggage reclaim area.

Q. Is there plenty of free seating?

A. Yes, there is a significant uplift in free seating.

The new infrastructure would allow LBA to accommodate 6.8m passengers.

Work is expected to commence in September 23 and as previously discussed at the ACC, the project will be completed in 3 phases:

Phase 1 – The new extension on the side of the current terminal

Phase 2 – Refurbishment of the existing terminal

Phase 3 – Additional aircraft stands

We expect all 3 phases to be completed by 2028/2029.

Q. Have you already got planning permission?

A. Yes, planning permission was approved in November 2021

Q. Will the departing passengers still cross paths with arriving passengers in the airside walkway?

A. Yes but this is much reduced. X25 solves 85% of the current terminal problems, but some issues cannot be fully addressed, these being:

- Arriving/Departures crossing paths
- Current ceiling heights and columns

Q. Is this a 5 year construction?

A. 2.5 - 3yrs for the terminal, with the reminder is the time for the construction of additional aircraft stands

Q. How will you plan the use of the terminal during the build?

A. It is very complex and we do have a detailed phasing plan in place on the various stages so that we can still utilise the terminal during this time

Q. Will the arrivals escalator be fixed?

A. The escalator is not broken. It is turned off for health and safety reasons. Passengers who may struggle with the steps can use the lift that is just behind the steps and is clearly labelled as a lift.

Q. Did you have a look at slowing down the escalator?

A. Yes, we can't do it.

Q. Will you be putting boards and advertising ahead of the work?

A. Yes.

Q. What about a walkthrough video on social media?

A. We are looking at commissioning a video in due course.

Q. Are there plans for the walkway to Gates 9 & 10?

A. Yes, in time but not part of X25.

Q. What are the costs and current interest rates?

A. Each element has a different cost. We have secured financing for all 3 phases and the interest rate has been factored into the costings.

Q. Does LBA have a limit on the number of passengers?

A. No, the only limit on passengers is the air movements at night.

Q. Whilst I was waiting for the ACC to start, I sat in Ritazza and saw a lot of very helpful LBA staff which was good to see.

A. We have undertaken a lot of training programs over the past 9 months so it is nice to hear of the positive impact these are having.

6. CEO Update

Vincent Hodder joined the meeting.

Leeds City Council have now completed the investigation into the night time movements. They have concluded that there has been a breach of 747 aircraft movements.

There are a number of reasons why this has happened, and we are working closely with Leeds City Council on all the points they have raised.

Q. If Leeds City Council had all the flight data, why did they suddenly investigate/know there was a discrepancy?

A. They received a complaint.

Q. Is there any risk of going over or close to the limit this year?

A. The breach last year was caused by errors which we have now corrected. We now have the flight data at our fingertips and we carry out multiple checks.

Q. Is anything happening following the breach of condition?

A. There are a number of things that we are now required to do which LCC have set out in a formal notice.

Q. The noise in 1994 was louder than it is today. Why restrict numbers?

A. The conditions put in place in 1994 can't just be changed and would need a full planning application to change them.

Q. Is there a noise remediation payment to those affected by the noise?

A. There has been 2 noise abatement schemes, both have now closed. Neither of the schemes were fully utilised.

Q. I understand about the different sensitivity to noise, I have received concerns from constituents about the late night/early morning arrivals – there are 8 due tonight.

A. I receive letters from MP's. Most of the letters that the MP's receive contain inaccuracies and the people writing don't fully understand the detail of what's going on. A lot seem to be a reaction to information they've heard or been told by third parties. We take noise very seriously, and VH responds personally to each letter. As an airport, we want to grow. We have to find ways to do that sustainably, we need better flight paths and quieter aircraft, both are being addressed and will be delivered.

7. Night Movements Monitoring

Dan Hunt attended the meeting to provide further information on the night movements monitoring that we carry out and confirmed that monthly reporting is now shared with Leeds City Council each month.

Q. Can you carry over an allocation?

A. We are able to carry over 10% from one season to the next.

8. Any Other Business

Q. Why are not all Arrow Car taxis able to pull onto the terminal front?

A. Entry to the terminal front is only permitted to those individuals who have undertaken a DBS criminal record check and who have terminal front access set up. Unfortunately, not all drivers have this access and therefore, they are only permitted to enter the pickup and drop off area.

Q. I was diverted to Newcastle due to a water leak last year. Have the issues been rectified.

A. Yes.

Q. Any update on the train station?

A. No update since the last meeting.

Next meeting date

20 September 2023 – Teams Meeting