

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Stansted Airport Consultative Committee

Purpose:

Provides community consultation in regard to the workings of Stansted Airport. Its specific terms of reference are:

1. To consider, scrutinise and advise on matters primarily concerning the management and administration of the Airport.
2. To consider the impact of the Airport on the local community, the economy and the environment.
3. To consider matters affecting the experience of Airport users including in particular passengers.
4. To consider the corporate affairs of the Airport.
5. To promote an informed understanding of airport operations and of their impact on communities of interest.
6. To consider matters specifically referred by interests represented on the Committee, by the management of the Airport or by the Government.
7. To share ideas and consider best practice from other airports and organisations.
8. To liaise with other Airport Consultative Committees on matters of common concern.
9. To make representations to the Government and other organisations as appropriate
10. To take any action incidental to any of the above terms of reference, including co-options, the establishment of Working Groups and nominations to Outside Bodies.

East Herts Council Representative: Cllr Huggins

Update:

The work of this committee has again been impacted by the continued Covid19 situation. Despite restrictions, I have attended several meetings, both virtual and physical, of the full committee (STACC) and the Future Airspace Consultation Steering Group. Owing to the pandemic Stansted airport continues to experience a huge reduction in passenger activity, but cargo flights have been steady.

The Future Airspace Programme continues to move along on schedule. This is a national directive passed down from the Civil Aviation Authority and the DoT. The scheme is to consult and then design possible changes to arrivals and departures from the airport. (Luton are doing the same). The airport is leading on the consultation for flight paths below 7000ft and NATS will be conducting a similar review of airspace above that level. My role is to voice an opinion on the approach to consultation. I shall be working with officers to ensure that the consultation is communicated to our members and residents effectively. The initial stages have been completed, which have led to a set of design principles to be used on the proposals of new arrival and departure routings.

The other major issue that the airport and each of its partners are working through, is the recruitment and training of new or returning staff, to get back to pre-pandemic levels in advance of what is hoped will be normal summer operations. This will be a challenging task because of not only the numbers required, but also the lead in times for airside passes, however the job creation is good news.

Update provided by: Cllr Andrew Huggins

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