

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG)

Purpose:

SASIG is a group of Local Authorities from across the country, all with an interest in strategic aviation issues. SASIG works to ensure that UK aviation policy is implemented in a manner that reconciles economic, social and environmental issues.

SASIG's objectives are:

- to promote the need for long-term, sustainable aviation policies that lead to a reduction in the environmental impact of aviation whilst securing appropriate social and economic benefits;
- to increase understanding of the local and global impacts of aviation on the environment and communities;
- to identify and promote the changes needed to move towards sustainable aviation practices within the industry and Government; and
- to work with other organisations and the Government on the formulation of policy advice.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Fernando

Update:

SASIG meetings are still being held virtually due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The most recent meeting was postponed till next month and will again be virtual. At previous meetings the main points of discussion related to the changes in testing requirements for passengers and the challenges this brought.

Also of note is the consultation to changes to S261 compensation rights.

In the news there was talk about potential 5G interference with radio altimeters on certain aircraft, there is no evidence that this poses an issue to any aircraft flying into Stansted Airport.

The Union Connectivity Review final report was also issued which highlighted the role domestic aviation plays in connectivity.

Also of promise is that airlines & airports appear to be recruiting for new staff as demand for air travel recovers.

The next meeting in May will again be virtual and the subsequent meeting hopes to return to in person.

Update provided by: Cllr Rishi Fernando

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