

East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record

Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number: NKD25/01

Taken by: Councillor Tim Hoskin – Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

Decision

That Stansted Airport Limited be informed that East Herts Council:

- (A) Welcomes the opportunity to comment on the London Stansted Airport: Draft Sustainable Development Plan;**
- (B) Considers that an increase in passenger numbers above permitted levels of 43 million passengers per annum (mppa) to between 48 and 51mppa proposed in the Draft Sustainable Development Plan would likely have a positive effect on the regional and local economy in terms of employees from, and businesses within, East Herts;**
- (C) Welcomes the commitment to continue and enlarge the educational opportunities at the Aerozone and Stansted Airport College in supporting future careers in aviation for local young people;**
- (D) Considers that, due to impacts on Hertfordshire of movements to the airport, the Surface Access Section of the Sustainable Development Plan should be revised to include reference to Hertfordshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP) within its Local Policy section.**

- (E) Registers its concern around potential surface access impacts of growth to up to 51mppa on East Herts and seeks reassurances in respect of the mitigation of effects of additional journeys by staff, passengers, and goods in the district due to the proposed increase beyond permitted levels up to an additional 8mppa. In this regard, while noting that Essex County Council is the Highways Authority for the airport, it should be acknowledged that the movement impacts will be felt beyond that county. East Herts Council therefore wishes to ensure that any traffic modelling will appropriately encompass this district and, in particular, that Hertfordshire County Council is satisfied that any additional movement impacts and proposed mitigations in relation to the A120, A10, A1184 and the towns of Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Hertford, etc, and their environs can be properly addressed. The Sustainable Development Plan should therefore be revised to take such concerns into account.**
- (F) While continuing to advocate for sustainable surface access opportunities, as no advance sight or invitation to engage in the drafting of the Sustainable Development Plan was offered to officers of East Herts Council prior to publication, it is recommended that the section on page 43 which states that "Steering Group and Working Groups have contributed to, and helped shape, this updated strategy", should be revised to reflect the very limited role they had in its devising.**
- (G) Welcomes the continuation of financial and other support for local affected communities through funding and participatory schemes and would seek greater publicity of these projects to encourage maximum take up of such opportunities for those qualifying communities in East Herts.**
- (H) Seeks reassurance that the new generation, larger, aircraft would not have any additional negative noise impact for the district over existing aircraft.**

Date of Decision

10 March 2025

Reason(s) for decision

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of Stansted Airport Limited's (STAL) current consultation on its 'London Stansted Airport: Draft Sustainable Development Plan' (SDP), which commenced on 4 February 2025, and to agree this Council's response to the consultation.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

The Council could choose not to respond to the consultation. Not responding to the consultation would mean that the Council would miss the opportunity to respond to the London Stansted Airport: Draft Sustainable Development Plan (February 2025), and its views could therefore not be considered in the finalisation of the SDP.

Does the decision or report contain exempt information?

No

State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision

None

State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted

None

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