NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Angus Tilston MBE, South Wirral rep, Wirral Transport Users

Association (in the chair)

Councillor Mary Aspinall, Liverpool City Council Cressington Ward Sean Jackson, Environmental Health, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough

Council

Isobel Mason, Environmental Health, Halton Borough Council

Simon Osborne, National Trust

Ian Rushforth, Environmental Health, Liverpool City Council

Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment

Colin Barnes, Environmental Advisor

Observing

Kellie Naylor, Robin Hood Airport Doncaster-Sheffield

<u>Secretariat</u>

Mike A Jones

10 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

John Alvey, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Graham Aveyard, Cheshire West and Chester Council

Larry Dack, Speke Estate

Norman Elias, Passenger Representative

Peter Hargreaves, Cheshire West and Chester Council

Kate Hitchen, Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

Councillor Evelyn Hudson, Hale Parish Council

Denis Knowles, Chairman of LJLACC

Marshall Morris, Chairman

Councillor Mary Rasmussen, Liverpool City Council, Speke Garston Ward

11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

DECIDED: That

the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 9 May 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

12 NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG

The Sub-Committee considered the Noise Complaints Log, which detailed every complaint received and the response to it, for the period April to June 2014. Colin Barnes gave a presentation to members on the Noise Log which included analysis of the number of noise complaints received by date, number of complainants, administrative area and the total number of complaints compared to the previous year. He also detailed the number of test runs. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

During the period a total of 18 complaints had been received, with the highest proportion (8, or 44%) from the Wirral peninsula mainly linked to the use of runway

09, which tends to be used in drier weather because of wind direction. It was noted that there was 9 less complaints than for the same period last year.

Members discussed the contents of the Noise Log and noted that one complainant asked for the runway to be realigned. Any realignment would be subject to a planning application and potential public inquiry and had the potential to send flights over more densely populated areas of the Wirral peninsular.

Members noted that the Open golf championship was taking place on the Wirral, and was likely to generate complaints because of low-flying and slow aircraft circling the area, and the temporary helicopter facility at a high school adjacent to the golf course.

Andrew and Colin displayed the real-time aircraft monitoring to show aircraft movements, showing the large number of transits across the area at over 10,000 feet, as well as incoming aircraft and aircraft around the Open golf championship. They then looked at a previous day to see patterns of flight paths, and were shown the navigation points which gave the height and position of flights every ten seconds, and enabled noise monitors to pin point which aircraft has created a noise event.

The mobile Noise Monitor terminal was demonstrated. It was set up in an office and an adjacent telephone was called. As the telephone rang, it was observed that the noise record in real-time was over 60 decibels.

DECIDED: That

the Noise Complaints Log for April to June 2014 be noted.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members noted that the Halton Curve, an unused railway line linking North Wales and Chester to the line going through the Liverpool South Parkway station near the Airport, had been granted £10.4 million towards the restoration of a service.

A Romanian airline, Blue Air, would begin flying out of Liverpool at the end of 2014, with 3 services per week to Bucharest.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee is scheduled for Friday 17 October 2014 at 10.30 a.m. in the Cavern Suite, Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

Chairman	
Date	















