

Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011

I attended a meeting at Bournemouth Airport on the above date.

The meeting started with the ongoing problem with the traffic lights issue re: Dorset County Council adopting the problem.

Planning applications have been submitted to Christchurch Borough Council re: premises available to businesses over the next 10 – 15 years on Aviation Park West. This was awaiting approval from Christchurch Borough Council Planning Committee.

It was stated that the roads supporting the Airport would become very congested with the Improving and Expanding of the Aviation Park. The Airport had committed £1m contribution towards off-site highway improvements (with no impact on protected sites).

A proposal has been put forward to remove the remainder of the Airport site from Green Belt – The business park has already been removed. This will go to committee for discussion on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

The Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople allocations joint Development site was discussed as a proposed site at Hurn Court Farm land is opposite the entrance to the Airport. This is going for consultation on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012.

It was confirmed that the NATS building was on the market, it has yet to be decided whether MAG is interested in buying it.

It was reported that the leisure industry has come under real pressure due to the economic situations and that the winter season will be extremely difficult following the decision of Ryanair to cease flying for three months. It was also stated that since 2009 total aircraft movements each year were down on previous years. It was stated that the £2.50 charge for ½ hour parking was having an adverse effect on people travelling from Bournemouth as this charge was also payable if only dropping passengers off. It was suggested that perhaps this be extended to one hour – a review will be undertaken in April.

The summer of 2010 and 2011 generated a large number of complaints regarding noise due to an ongoing campaign in Broadstone and Merley encouraging people to complain. 45 people had made 179 complaints. Of total aircraft movements in October (6,500) 3% of movements attracted complaints. A diagram was shown explaining that due to the modern aircraft having a much better rate of climb, reaching 2000 feet very quickly they turn much sooner and route over Bournemouth. It was also stated that due to the changes in destinations more aircraft were turning to the North East after departure than the South as was the case.

It was also stated that Broadstone residents were being woken during the night by the Mail flights at 0500, 0530 and 0300. It was discussed and agreed that unfortunately it was very difficult to satisfy everyone but everything was done which was possible to alleviate as much noise as possible. The mail planes are old planes so hence noisier but the Airport have been told that these are going to be changed in due course

It was announced that Blue Islands had announced a year round operation to Jersey and Guernsey from Nov.2011. Ryanair were operating to Wroclaw starting in March 2012. Easyjet had launched Easyjet Holidays from Bournemouth (Via Geneva). Bournemouth Airport attended the Routes Worldwide conference from which they have received feedback from airlines and tour operators stating that the new facilities were impressive.

It was stated that Holidays 4U went into receivership and Thomas Cook has withdrawn from Bournemouth as the company is experiencing cash flow problems resulting in the loss of 2 Turkey operations.

The March of 2012 sees Ryanair with seven destinations, Thomson/First Choice with seven destinations. Additionally for the winter Easyjet at 8 per week, Canterbury travel to Lapland, Transun to Lapland, Bath Travel to New York and Fly cruise to Barbados, Omega Travels Northern Lights and Blue Islands to Jersey and onto Guernsey.

The summer of 2012 sees Ryanair with seven destinations, Thomson/First Choice ten destinations, Newmarket Holidays had announced five destinations and Atlantic Holidays had announced one. It was stated that the holiday industry is a very difficult market and that MAG are leading the lobbying on behalf of Bournemouth and that there are small rays of hope.

Councillor Mrs Sandra Grove