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# NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 15 July 2022

## Present:

Tony Rice, Deputy Chair and Chair of this meeting Helen Bradshawe, Knowsley Council Cllr Lynnie Hinnigan, Liverpool City Council Ian Rushforth, Liverpool City Council David King-Hele, Wirral Council Jim Candlin, Cheshire West and Chester Council Bob Swann, Chair of LJLACC Norman Elias, Passenger Rep and Chair

## **Liverpool John Lennon Airport**

Andrew Dutton, Head of Environment Colin Barnes, Environment and Safeguarding Manager

## **Secretariat**

Mike Jones, Secretary Joe D'Henin, Assistant Secretary

#### 17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Malcolm Spargo, Hale Parish Council. Ian Rushforth, Environmental Health, Liverpool City Council, noted that his apologies for April's meeting were not included in the minutes.

The Chair, Norman Elias, could not guarantee that he would be present for the full meeting as he was abroad, and as a result Tony Rice acted as Chair for the meeting.

## 18 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

## 19 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary informed the meeting that Joanne Thompson had been appointed as a representative of the Speke estate which adjoins the airport.

#### 20 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

#### 21 NOISE COMPLAINTS LOG

Colin Barnes, Environment and Safeguarding Manager, introduced the Noise Log for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st June 2022 with a comparison of aircraft movements for the first week of June between 2019, 2020, and 2021. It was noted that level of aircraft movements were at around 75% of the movements in 2019. An outline of the slides attached was provided, providing a breakdown of the 30 complaints received during the period. The slides analysed complaints by date, complainants, area, reasons for complaints (including flight routes and runways used) and comparison with previous years. The Sub-Committee were informed that 23rd June 2022 saw the highest number of complaints on any single day, with 4 complaints recorded from two individuals. June notably recorded the highest number of cases in comparison with the preceding months, with 20 complaints recorded from 6 individuals. Factors for this included increased volume of aircraft movement in June, whilst it was noted in in relation to multiple complaints received from Bromborough and Hooton Green, departures from Runway 27 were the cause of complaints.

A discussion took place regarding the factors behind individual complaints, and Colin clarified different sensitivities often play a part, whilst living in quieter areas can often mean aircraft noise is more noticeable. It was also considered that as noise contours run parallel to the runway, even individuals living further away from the airport can be exposed to the same level of noise from aircraft.

#### 22 AIRSPACE CHANGE

Andrew Dutton provided an update on the Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) Airspace Change Proposal (ACP). Since the last update, it was noted that the process remained paused at Stage IV of the CAP1616 process. Members were informed that it was anticipated that the process would resume towards the Autumn, and would be focused on integrating the work into the wider Airspace Change Organising Group (ACOG) Masterplan. Despite this, an update of the Airspace Change work taking place in the wider surrounding region was provided, with members learning that Manchester Airport had recently concluded their Stage II engagement process would be submitting to go into the Stage II gateway in October 2022.

## 23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee would be held on the 21st October 2022

## 24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Future Meetings

The logistical arrangements of future meetings were raised by the Chair as a point of discussion, where it was agreed that meeting virtually worked well due to the size of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee and length of meetings, and that Tony Rice would bring this matter up regarding future meeting arrangements at the next meeting at the next meeting at the main Consultative Committee.

# Environmental Noise Regulations (European Noise Directive) Update

Andrew Dutton provided an update on the Airport's Noise Mapping work, following the instruction from the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to use 2021, rather than 2022 as requested by the airport, as the base year for a Noise Map comparison with 2016. The group were informed that Noise Mapping data had been carried out and had been sent to DEFRA for verification. A Noise Map comparison between 2016 and 2021 with an accompanying table was provided at the meeting, with the caveat the data was still pending verification. It was noted that, as expected due to the impact of the pandemic, Noise contours for 2021 were considerably smaller, meaning it was quieter, when compared to the contours in 2016.

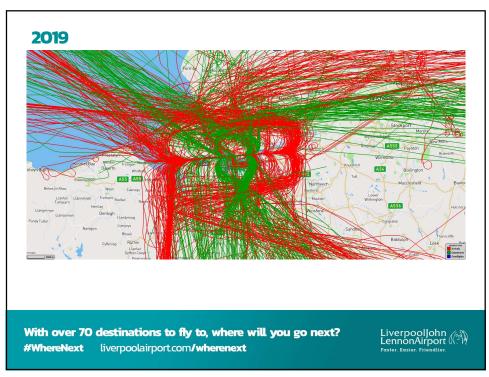
## Management of Increased Passenger Volume

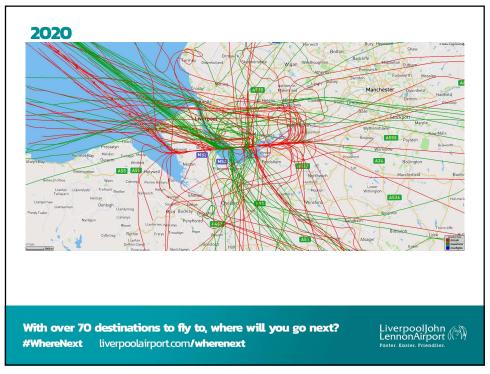
In response to a member querying how the Airport had been coping with the increasing number of passengers, Andrew Dutton informed the group that the airport had an average waiting time of approximately 9 minutes for passengers getting through security, and had coped particularly well in comparison to the issues experienced at other airports as the industry picked up again. Factors for this included the decisions to recruit additional staff at an earlier stage, whilst also making less redundancies in comparison to other airports when passenger numbers were low. It was noted that the Airport should not be complacent in this matter going forward, however.

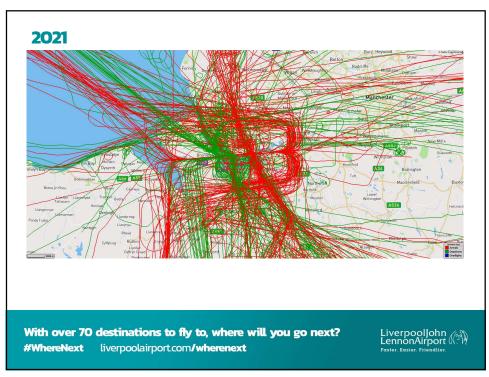


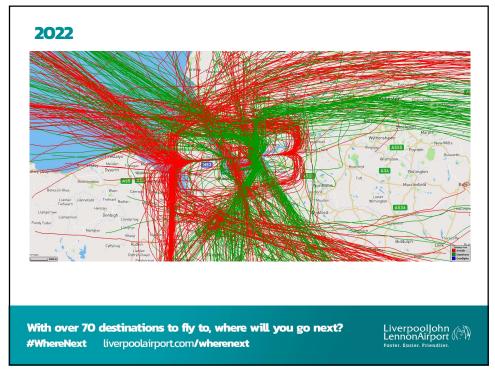














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2019 January	1,484	2,579	177	71	
February	2,453	2,579	184	66	
March April	2,221 2,481	2,819 3,023	108 170	59 71	
May	2,746	3,285	197	114	
June	2,093	3,272	197	95	
July	2,294	3,386	147	102	
August	2,280 2.079	3,345	209 195	121 102	
September October	2,079	3,173 3,265	195	61	
November	1.684	2,359	141	79	
December	1,591	2,497	167	76	
2020 January	1,767	2,323	131	104	
February	1,195	2,374	133	74	
March April	2,054 257	1,764 131	129 17	97 57	
May	582	125	22	130	
June	353	205	51	140	
July	1,298	1,012	152	183	
August	2,030	1,979	160	107	
September October	2,755 1,892	1,480	106 73	124 133	
November	1,892	1,171 497	73 54	133 81	
December	1.481	572	30	114	
2021 January	301	502	13	66	
February	210	229	15	40	
March	389	215	19	34	
April	1,702 1.825	266 384	43 113	81 85	
May June	2,245	918	75	150	
July	2,082	1,482	134	115	
August	2,060	2,085	146	152	
September	1,956	1,946	151	141	
October	1,686	1,966	122	113	
November December	1,648	1,563 1,848	221 96	147 119	
2022 January	1,524	1,266	92	116	
February	957	1,558	108	110	
	2.041	2,033	124	119	
March			228	63	
March April May	2,108 1794	2,356	196	130	

