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## **HUMBERSIDE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER 2023**

### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Please be advised we wish to consult on the future provision of aircraft noise monitoring services for the surrounding villages of Humberside Airport and other locations within its vicinity.

#### **History**

In December 1990 as part of the airport's application for an extension to its runway, a Section 106 Agreement was issued by the local authority at that time Glanford Borough Council, and signed by the then airport management. This document detailed the need for a noise monitoring scheme to be submitted and approved before any development could take place.

#### **Noise Monitoring Scheme**

Scheme details received from Humberside County Council January 1991 included the following points:

- Two Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMTs) to be permanently located at both ends of the approach lighting for runways 03 and 21\*
- One mobile noise monitoring unit to initially monitor eight locations for three weeks each, twice yearly, with relevant permissions. To be capable of temporary deployment in the case of specific complaints.
- Requirement for an annual review of the mobile monitoring, or as necessary by mutual agreement and consultation with the relevant planning authority.
- Noise data to be made available on a quarterly basis to the relevant planning authority

\* now referred to as 02 and 20 respectively

#### **Updated Noise Monitoring Scheme (2009)**

We are aware the noise monitoring scheme was updated in 2009 but neither North Lincolnshire Council or the airport are able to locate the revised agreement. This date does however coincide with the decommissioning of the 02 approach noise monitoring equipment and the replacement of the 21 approach and the mobile noise monitoring equipment. Regular deployment of the equipment was not taking place, but it has been temporarily deployed on a few occasions during the last 14 years, although no deployment has taken place in over 8 years. Additionally, from around that time, noise monitoring data was being published monthly on the airport website.

Therefore, whilst the exact details of the agreement are not known, we believe it is fair to assume the updated agreement would contain the following:

- One Noise Monitoring Terminal (NMT) to be permanently located at approach lighting for runway 20.
- One mobile noise monitoring unit to be capable of temporary deployment in the case of specific complaints.
- Noise data to be made available on our website monthly.

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## **Airport's Current Noise Profile**

The airport's noise profile has not increased in the 30 plus years period since the introduction of the noise monitoring scheme but rather there has been a reduction due to less charter and helicopter flights and the introduction of more modern aircraft with a smaller noise footprint. Noise complaints have also reduced significantly over the years with these now only being received on rare occasions.

The traffic that is noted with the highest recorded noise levels each month is almost always military aircraft which is outside our control but continues to remain within the noise limits set.

## **Proposal**

As there are considerable cost implications in the purchase or rental of a fixed monitoring unit, together with the additional annual maintenance costs, without any benefits being achieved, it is proposed that the airport does not replace this near obsolete equipment.

Should there be a specific need to monitor for noise in the future, it is proposed that the airport hires mobile monitoring equipment as needed for placement where required.

An annual review of noise monitoring provision can also be offered if the airport's traffic profile should change at any point in the future.

## **Support for the Proposal**

With the current challenges being faced by business and particularly the airport's after three years of reduced operation, your support of the above proposal is sought.

Please could we therefore ask you to email your support or comments to [adminexecutive@humbersideairport.com](mailto:adminexecutive@humbersideairport.com) by Friday 5 January 2024.

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