

PONTELAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS SUB GROUP

NOTES FROM MEETING HELD WITH NEWCASTLE AIRPORT ON THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2013

In attendance: Erin Robson – Airport Planner, Newcastle Airport

Chris Winks – Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Group Member

1. General discussions took place regarding the purpose of the meeting and how the Airport and its proposed development programme fitted in with the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan (PNP). Chris explained his role within the Transport and Highways Sub Group.
2. Chris explained that he was in the evidence gathering stage at the moment. Evidence gathered to date:
 - Durham County Council Response to Master Plan Report April 2004
 - Newcastle Airport Landscape and Wildlife Strategy
 - Newcastle Airport Radar Blanking Strategy April 2011
3. Erin handed a disk to Chris containing the current Master Plan. However, this will be replaced by a new Master Plan on or around 1 July 2013.
4. Erin explained that the Airport is a consultee with regards to emerging Core Strategies. Core Strategies would need to take into account the effect on local highways such as the A696 and any necessary improvements and the effects of noise.
5. PPG 24 can influence potential housing developments through aircraft noise. While this document has been superseded by the NPPF, the evidence base is still considered to be sound.
6. Chris explained his personal view that he felt that although the majority of Ponteland residents were comfortable living in close proximity of the Airport, he felt the majority would want to maintain the open space between the Airport and the village. This separation was important in maintaining Ponteland Village as a separate entity from the Airport and from the Tyne and Wear conurbation generally. This includes the field to the north of the Britannia Airport, although it was accepted that this area was owned by the Airport and was earmarked for Airport Related Development in previous local plans and masterplans, probably car parking.
7. Erin briefly discussed the future development plans of the Airport. The current Master Plan included a passenger projection of 9.5m per annum by 2016. This was being downgraded to less than 8.5m by 2030. This would have an effect on planned

Airport development and expansion. ~~A terminal extension has been put on hold.~~

Proposals over the next 5 years are:

- Possibly an extension to the Terminal building
 - Site A (area around Woolsington Hall). This was earmarked for new hangars etc but the Planning Application has run out and there are no current plans to renew it until the market dictates likely development.
 - Site B – Southside (are between Freight Village and Wheatsheaf pub). Earmarked for office/light industrial use. This Planning application is still live but due to expire in August 2013. ~~has also run out~~ Renewal application in being prepared ~~but is being renewed although~~ currently, although no development will take place until users come forward.
8. Erin stated that the field north of the Britannia hotel would be developed for car parking before 2021.
 9. Erin indicated another document, the Noise Action Plan which was available though the Environmental section within the Airport website may ~~would~~ be useful for the PNP.
 10. Chris thanked Erin for her time and asked for another meeting once the new Master Plan was available, possible sometime mid July. Erin agreed to this.