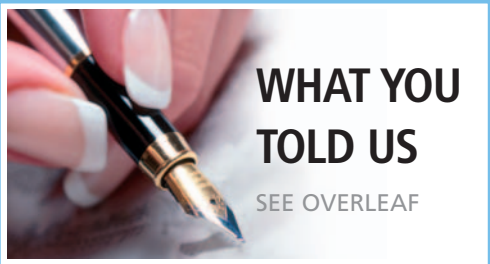


# Plane TALK



OUR COMMUNITY – OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO

BAA Stansted

## A SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES YOU RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION

Since July, we have been out and about in the local community, listening to views about the next phase of development here at Stansted which is all about making better use of our existing single runway.

Thank you to everyone who visited our travelling exhibition, who logged on to our website [www.stanstedairport.com/future](http://www.stanstedairport.com/future) or who responded to our comprehensive questionnaire.

Our consultation has now closed, but when we began the programme we made clear that we would continue to keep in touch with you. And we promised that we would send you a short summary of the issues raised with us. That is what this special edition of *Plane Talk* is all about.

As expected, a wide range of issues were raised and we are now considering these very carefully as we prepare the detail of our planning application which we intend to submit to Uttlesford District Council next year.



Local residents visiting one of our travelling exhibitions

### A REMINDER OF WHAT IS PROPOSED

We would expect the single runway to serve around 25 million passengers a year in 2008, and by 2015 it could be serving about 35 million a year. To accommodate this growth we need to ask permission to: a) lift the current limit on air transport movements a year to meet an expected level of 264,000 in

2015; b) address the planning condition that Uttlesford District Council chose to impose on us that seeks to limit passenger numbers to 25 million a year; and c) undertake some modest additions to the physical developments already given planning permission.

### How we've consulted

In order to hear as many views as possible on our proposals we used a number of different methods to listen to the local community, including:

- A copy of our community newsletter *Plane Talk* was sent to 170,000 homes in a 15-mile radius of Stansted Airport.
- The full Consultation Document was sent to hundreds of local people including community leaders, elected representatives, interest groups and many others. Copies were also made available in libraries and doctors' and dentists' surgeries across the area.
- 34 public exhibitions were held in 27 locations across the

15-mile radius area attracting nearly 2,000 visitors.

- Advertising and editorial coverage in local newspapers to keep readers fully informed.
- Questionnaires were made available to help people to submit their comments and questions.
- Information about the proposals, including copies of the boards used in the public exhibitions and questionnaires, was made available on our website [www.stanstedairport.com/future](http://www.stanstedairport.com/future)



# What you told us:

We wanted to give you some very swift feedback on the main issues raised during our consultation. All issues you raised will be considered as we prepare the detail of our planning application. This is what you told us:



## Air noise

Air noise was the issue of most interest to people, with many wanting to understand what effect further growth of the airport would have on noise and the way it is measured. Many questions were asked about the Government's recent night noise consultation.

## Airspace and flight paths

At every exhibition venue we made available local maps showing the current flight paths for arriving and departing aircraft. For many, the height and frequency of aircraft was a concern. Night flights was a regular topic raised, as was the impact of airport activity on property prices in and around the area.



## Surface access

Road and rail access to the airport was raised by many people concerned about the level of traffic on local roads and the

ability of the Stansted Express rail service to cope with increased demand.

## Climate change

Climate change was raised by some interest groups. We explained the efforts we are making to bring aviation into the EU's Emission Trading Scheme as early as possible. We were quizzed too about local levels of pollution and on how we measure and control emissions.



## Long-haul services and route development

A large number of people welcomed the return of long-haul services to Stansted and encouraged us to introduce a wider range of destinations at affordable prices. Many people took the opportunity to say how much they liked using Stansted and valued having a major gateway to Europe and beyond on their doorstep.

## Growth plans

Many people asked us about sustainable growth and wanted to make sure that we

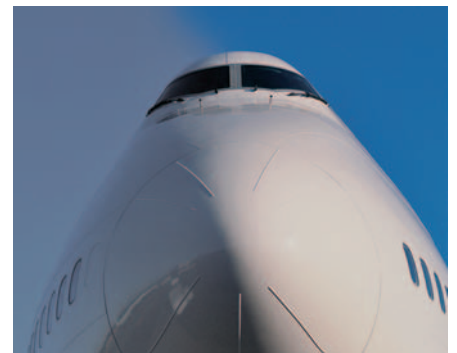
would be open and honest about our plans. We have promised to continue talking and listening to people and we are grateful for everyone's comments so far.

## Business and employment

One message we heard loud and clear from small retailers to large employers was that success for their businesses depends on the growth of ours. This reaffirms the importance of the work we are doing to help businesses locally and throughout the region.

## Investing in the future

Some people were interested to hear about our investment plans - £550m over the next 10 years excluding new runway costs. And others were interested to hear about how the budget airline market is continuing to develop across short and long haul routes.



## A reminder to look out for...

...information on our plans for a second runway at Stansted. Before Christmas we will begin a year long programme of consulting the local community on various aspects of our proposals. First will be information on our preferred location for the runway, and we will be launching a 3-month public consultation to hear what you think. More details will be posted to you very shortly. To keep in touch with our plans for the future of Stansted, please visit:  
[www.stanstedairport.com/future](http://www.stanstedairport.com/future)

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Our technical experts are currently analysing all of the comments you sent to us in letters, by telephone, through our website and questionnaires during the last three months. We promise this: we cannot do everything that is asked of us, but we will **listen to every point of view** and if we can respond positively to reflect your views, we

will do so. If we cannot, we'll always explain why.

A report will be prepared summarising the comments received and this will be submitted alongside our planning application. We will also report back to you on this in a future edition of *Plane Talk* in the New Year.