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**DUNMOW – SPECIAL EDITION**

**BAA Stansted**

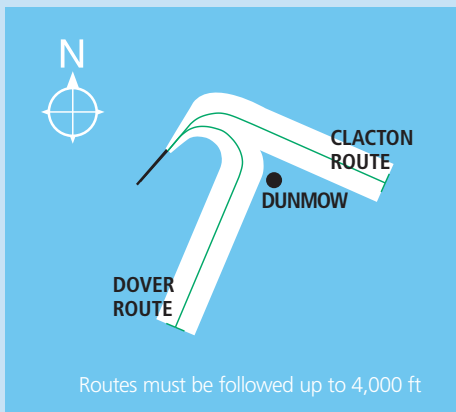
## "THANK YOU"

... to all the people who attended our special 'Noise Briefing' at Dunmow Maltings last Friday evening.

**S**pecial thanks to Sir Alan Haselhurst MP, for opening the event for local residents, and to Dunmow Councillor Mark Gayler for supporting the evening. This was one of a number of briefings held regularly throughout the area to give local people the opportunity to see at first hand what is being done to keep aircraft noise to a minimum in and around the community. On display were maps of aircraft patterns into and out of Stansted, and an interactive computer display allowed residents to look at how aircraft noise and track keeping is closely monitored at the airport. Many took the opportunity to locate their homes in relation to aircraft routes, and some very searching questions followed! A representative of National Air Traffic Services was on hand to explain how the routes are planned and managed.



*Sir Alan Haselhurst MP meets airport noise analyst Vicki Hughes*



Here is a map that shows two of the departure routes from the north eastern end of the runway at Stansted that are used when the wind is from the north-east which is 35% of the time. Dunmow lies between the Dover and Clacton routes. About 250 planes a day take off from Stansted.

Air traffic controllers can instruct pilots to leave the Dover route and fly over Dunmow when the aircraft reach 4,000 ft. The aircraft are

between 4,000 ft and 6,000 ft over the town. It is unusual for planes to fly over the town off the Clacton route. Only about 7% of all departing aircraft fly over Dunmow.

Some 250 planes a day arrive at Stansted Airport of which 13 (or 5%) fly over Dunmow. Arriving planes are also between 4,000 ft and 6,000 ft.

Air Traffic Control is responsible for keeping the planes safely apart.

## FEEDBACK.... YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOME

If you have a comment, suggestion or complaint that you would like to make please contact us by writing to: Stansted Feedback, Public Affairs, Stansted Airport Limited, Enterprise House, Stansted Airport, Essex CM24 1QW or email [stanstednoiseline@baa.com](mailto:stanstednoiseline@baa.com)

## Listening out for Dunmow

Stansted's Flight Evaluation Unit uses a direct feed from the air traffic control radar to monitor all aircraft taking off from Stansted for their noise and track keeping. It tracks all flights within a radius of 25 miles and provides information to residents about both take-offs and arrivals.

As well as providing information to local residents who make enquiries, the FEU advises people wishing to move home or who are new to the area about how properties can be affected by aircraft noise.

The FEU keeps in close contact with airlines. Their noise and track performance is shared and openly discussed. They work to improve their performance, and pilots who are new to the airport are briefed on the local situation.

The FEU's partnership approach combined with the application of financial penalties that are imposed when aircraft fly off track, has achieved high levels of on-track flying and reduced noise infringements to a minimum. Aircraft that fly off track without a good

reason are fined £500. If they exceed the noise take-off limits set by the Department for Transport (DfT), they are fined up to £1,000. The funds raised are donated to local good causes.

Details of noise and track keeping performance are published to the independent Stansted Airport Consultative Committee which meets in public every three months. The Consultative Committee includes representatives of local authorities, airport users, the DfT and other bodies.

The FEU also works closely with the Stansted Noise and Track Keeping Working Group on ways to improve performance. This group is made up of local community representatives, NATS and the DfT.

Dunmow's representatives on the Consultative Committee and Working Group are councillors Peter Wilcock and Keith Artus.

To contact the FEU, please call our 24 hour freephone number 0800 243 788.

## FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

With growth and development at Stansted very much in the headlines, here is a timely reminder about our commitment to consult with local people at every stage of our expansion plans. We keep in regular touch with your elected representatives, but always want to hear direct from YOU, what you think about the future of Stansted.

We are in the process of preparing to ask for permission to grow beyond our current limit of 25 million passengers per annum (currently 21 million people travel through Stansted each year) in order to make more use of the existing runway. A large number of studies are in progress by specialist teams to examine the impact of this growth on the environment, airspace, health, ecology, road and rail infrastructure, employment, economic effects, energy and waste management. We will want to discuss the results with you as part of a wider consultation in advance of us submitting our formal planning application to Uttlesford Council some time next year. More news soon.

### Getting it right

Looking ahead to the proposed second runway, we are at the very earliest stages of planning and preparation.

Many people expect us to have all the answers to their questions immediately, but we not only have to make the case for a second runway, we have to ensure it is going to be safe; that the impact on the environment will be kept to the absolute minimum; and that everyone who needs to travel around the area – passengers and residents alike – can do so on a road and rail system that can cope with the increased demand.

This means that the accurate facts and information we all need in order to understand the nature of the scheme, and to decide whether permission is granted for the runway, must be gathered together as quickly as possible. The complexity and scale of the project, and our responsibility to the local community, requires nothing but the best and most detailed examination of the facts.

### Keeping you in touch

These studies are currently under way, and we are working with a whole range of experts, community leaders, councils, government bodies and other organisations to make these assessments as quickly and accurately as possible. Again, we will want to share this information with you.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Stansted is the only airport in the UK that fines aircraft for off-track flying.
- In the last year only 1.27% of departing aircraft flew off track.
- BAA Stansted charges noisier aircraft 50% more to land.
- There is a cap on the number of cargo and passenger flights at Stansted.

- Pollutant levels are well below national air quality limits for the protection of health.
- BAA Stansted reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 12.5% last year.
- BAA is working to have an emissions trading scheme to contain emissions within global limits.

- BAA Stansted has won a Wildlife Trusts' award for managing plant and animal life.
- Stansted has one of the best records in Europe for air passenger use of trains and buses.
- Stansted has the second most successful staff car-share scheme in the country.

For more information visit [http://www.baa.com/main/airports/stansted/about\\_stansted/sustainable\\_development\\_frame.html](http://www.baa.com/main/airports/stansted/about_stansted/sustainable_development_frame.html) or ring **01279 663104** and ask for a free copy of our 2003/04 Sustainability Report.

## CONGRATULATIONS...

...to pupils, teachers, governors and to all those who have worked so hard to continue to develop new facilities at local schools. It takes a great deal of time and effort, which is why we have been delighted to have been given the opportunity to offer practical support too. Many of our staff are active members of school communities in their spare time,

and we know just how much this kind of success means to many hundreds of people.

So our congratulations go to: **Helena Romanes School and Sixth Form Centre**

- £10,000 pledged to support the specialist status bid
- £5,000 pledged towards a minibus
- £3,000 donated to a wildlife centre

### Dunmow Junior School

- £1,500 donation

In addition we have donated £10,000 towards the restoration of Dunmow Maltings, £5,000 towards a minibus for 1st Great Dunmow Scouts Group, £1,437 to Dunmow & District Stroke Support Group for computer equipment, £740 to Dunmow Brownies for new equipment and £250 to the Dunmow Majorettes for uniforms.

