

REPORT FROM COLIN BUCHAN, LEAD COUNCILLOR TO OUTSIDE BODY, AAC  
AT EXETER AIRPORT

AAC MEETING 28TH MARCH 2024

General Update.

Exeter have 30,000 movements per year, peaked pre Covid with 1 million passengers. 440,000 passengers forecast an 8% growth on last year. Summer 2023 was healthy with good loads, no disruptions to flights.

So notable for fact that Exeter Airport, a major employer and asset used by many Cranberries, still not back to any where near pre covid levels. May affect ability of airport to procure new routes and chance to increase levels of employment for Cranberries looking for local work.

Currently operating 7 routes, Exeter shortlisted for Amsterdam and Paris.

Ooh la la! That will be a bonus for locals, especially if they fancy a smoke and a pancake.

Royal mail are transitioning away from flying. An ATR 72 will be used from 17th June with an 0310 arrival. RM flights will cease from April 2025.

This is notable as is a perennial gripe on Belonging to Moanbrook. Any aircraft noise around 11pm now due to holiday flights, not RM. I must admit not hearing the 03:10 flight leaving. Good news for locals that RM is ceasing the flights altogether from next April.

Ground handling, car parking and grounds maintenance are all carried out in-house. 230 FTE.

Airspace Change Proposal – Exeter Airport are part of FASI and currently trying to get through Stage 2 of the ACP.(Airspace Change Proposal)

So significance of this is that Exeter airport has requested a change to the notified airspace design. This can include proposals to amend airport flight paths, to change the classification of particular airspace or to alter high level flightpaths.

With the Expansion zones now approved, this may, or may not, be significant, especially with regards to the Treasbeare Southern Expansion plan. The original design was altered due to noise concern about housing proposed in part of that

expansion, resulting in a shift of some housing across Parson's lane into the field. A change in flight paths may prove not to be an issue, but the design of the expansion zone has already changed once, so this is now a known unknown. Some thing we should keep a close eye on.

Airport Carbon Accreditation – work continues with Level 2 and documentation being submitted.

Verbal report from Will Campbell, General Manager, Exeter Aerospace

Exeter Aerospace have a large number of contract staff and 20 skilled workers form the Philippines. This begs the question, with the vast and growing local population why Exeter Aerospace feel the need to bring 20 workers from the Philippines, instead of training local workers. Not very carbon friendly!

EA partnered with Exeter College for apprenticeships, 6 apprentices came through and EA is hoping to get approval from a 3rd party to train locally. Apprenticeships are 4 years for basic training certificate and then a minimum of 2 years on the job training.

Something to flag up with the Education campus? Opportunity for local youngsters to apply for a career option they may not have considered.

Noise report for the airport

There has been a total of 13noise complaints since last meeting from various areas. Considering how close we are that seems relatively low. This may well reduce further now RM has ceased its evening flights. Information for staff if a local rants at you about airport nuisance noise.

Date of next meeting

30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Attendance List

Gary Collier Clyst Honiton Parish Council (Chair)

Francis Pullman West Hill Parish Council

Colin Buchan Cranbrook town council (I actually wasn't able to make it)

Stephen Wiltshire Exeter and Devon Airport Limited

Claire Cottrell Exeter and Devon Airport limited (minutes)

Will Campbell

### **Recommendation(s)**

To note the report.