

## **Draft Letter re Programming Meeting (To be issued by Carmel).**

### **Stansted G2 Second Runway Inquiry – Programming Meeting**

Following the discussion at the pre-inquiry meeting, please find enclosed the Inspector's Agenda for the programming meeting to be held on January 19 together with:

1. A copy of the Inspector's preliminary schedule of topics to be considered at the inquiry; and
2. A copy of the Inspector's note on pending announcements (see Agenda Item 6).

With regard to the meeting, it is a procedural meeting. Its primary purpose is to allow the main participants at the inquiry and the Inspector to jointly consider and debate the inquiry programme. The outcome of this debate will inform the Inspector's recommendations to the Secretary of State on the inquiry timetable (see Inquiry Procedure Rule 12 (2)). Given the purpose of the meeting, it will necessarily involve mainly the Part 1 parties and those parties objecting to the various CPOs and other Orders. It will however, be an open meeting which all with an interest in the inquiry may attend. If they wish to do so, those attending will be able to comment on the various submissions made during the course of the meeting in an "open floor" session near the end of the agenda (see Agenda Item 8).

In preparing for the meeting the Inspector would be grateful if the main participants at the inquiry would:

1. Consider the enclosed list of topics (Agenda Item 2) and advise me in advance of the meeting if:
  - there are other topics that you consider should be added to the list; and/or
  - if there are any material errors or omissions in the lists of witnesses expected to give evidence on each topic.
2. Consider the order in which the topics should be heard (Agenda Item 3) and in particular whether an order different from that on the Inspector's preliminary schedule of topics would be beneficial.
3. Consider how much inquiry time needs to be allowed for each of the topic areas identified to cover all evidence in chief, cross-examination and re-examination - Agenda Item 4 (In this regard the Inspector urges BAA and the main parties opposing the applications to consider the matter jointly).
4. Consider (again jointly if possible) whether there is scope for any of the inquiry sessions to be held concurrently - Agenda Item 5 (e.g. sessions considering Surface Access, Historic Environment and CPOs).

5. Consider (again jointly if possible) what risk factors the Inspector and the Secretary of State should take into account in drawing up the inquiry programme and timetable – Agenda Item 6. (e.g. the potential need to present evidence on alternative positions if some of the pending announcements are not made in advance of the inquiry start date (see note attached)).
6. Consider what time allowance needs to be made in the overall programme for the preparation and presentation of closing submissions (and any other matters not covered by the schedule of topics).
7. Advise me if there are specific matters which they would wish to raise under Agenda Item 7.

This letter and the enclosures have been sent to all those who have indicated that they wish to appear at the inquiry and to those who have registered objections to the various Orders to be considered at the inquiry. It will also be published on the inquiry website.

I would be grateful, in order to help me with the arrangements for the meeting, if those attending could let me know their intentions in advance by phone or e-mail to the above address.

Carmel