

## **BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2009**

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### **Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield**

Peel Holdings PLC has made a planning application to update night noise provisions to alter restrictions on night cargo operations. All aircraft have a 'QC' rating which is a noise rating for aircraft; they are noisier on take off than on landing so have two measures. Most passenger jets which use the airport are QC1 on landing and QC2 on take off. The application concerns larger aircraft (e.g. Boeing 747, DC10) which are mainly QC2 on landing and QC4 on take off. QC4 aircraft are 3dB noisier which is commonly assessed to be twice as noisy. Currently the airport can operate without restrictions for all types of aircraft in daytime (7am – 11pm). At night (11pm – 7am) airport can only operate QC2 or lower. They already have 24 hr operations but not for the larger/noisier aircraft. Some (but not all) other airports have similar restrictions (usually starting at 23.30 -6am)

The airport application is seeking to lift the ban on QC4 aircraft to allow 24 hr operation in line with most regional airports (except Birmingham and Manchester). The airport forecast is for 86 aircraft movements per annum by 2016 (43 landing, 43 departures) . Assuming c50% take off to the south, Bawtry could expect 21 landing and 21 departures (roughly 1 aircraft every 2 weeks). The airport is stating that the activity will be mainly around the 'shoulders' 6-7am and 23.00-23.30 and that the overall noise tariff is unchanged, i.e. fewer flights but larger aircraft.

The reason for the application is that the current restrictions prevent RHADS attracting a 'freight integrator' (e.g. DHL) from operating at the airport. These integrators have a range of aircraft including QC2 and QC4. The fact that they cannot use QC4 at night means that they will not use the other aircraft either. Of course along with this activity they would bring additional economic activity and jobs to the area.

Although the forecast is for 86 movements, the planning application is unlimited. The airport's 'Master Plan' projects much higher levels and planning application itself mentions 4 times this number. Although the forecast is that the movements will take place on the shoulders the application is unlimited allowing arrivals and departures 24hrs per day. The application deals solely with the night time flying restriction, it does not mention or make provision for related activities such as additional traffic noise during this time.

The airport's Master Plan which many residents will have seen at Peel Holding's recent exhibitions deals with the wider aspects of the plans for the site. The current application for freight night time flying represents a minor part of that overall plan.

A number of residents have raised comments about the proposed extension of night time flying to BTC, which will be forwarded to the planning office in DMBC. We would urge all residents to write to the planning office with comments (for or against) to: Development and Planning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Danum House, St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster, DN1 1UB. (Application No: 08/034369/CON).

### Window Dressing Competition

The winner, for the second year running, was Bawtry Health Shop, with runners up at last year - Bawtry Shoes, The Barbers Shop on Swan Street, plus an additional runner up Limited 2 Animals in the Courtyard. Congratulations and thank you to all those businesses which made the effort to participate.

### Christmas Arrangements 2009

Carols around the tree in December was another well attended event and, once again, our thanks go to all those involved for their contribution. Their services have already been booked for this year's event. A suggestion has been put forward that, in view of its popularity, a new approach needs to be considered, and perhaps a 'working party' set up to co-ordinate such events and others around the Christmas period. Would you be interested in becoming involved? Please let us know.

### War Memorial

A suggestion has been made that perhaps the existing war memorial is located in the wrong place and should become more a part of the community. There is a long history to its current location but, nevertheless, if you have a view then please let us know. Do not forget that Market Hill is a working car park, the income from which helps to keep down the council tax locally.

### USEFUL NUMBERS

**Robin Hood Airport** – to report severe aircraft noise 01302 623623. Leave name, address, telephone number, time of flight, whether taking off or landing, and airline

**Doncaster Council Main Switchboard** – 01302 734444

**Faulty Street Lights, DMBC**, 01302 735111, quote number of lighting column

**Community First Team, DMBC** - 01302 736000

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