

**Faint, Victoria**

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**From:** Stevens, Melanie, CLLR  
**Sent:** 11 March 2015 18:38  
**To:** Faint, Victoria; Hume, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: BHAL Proposal - CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Marc

I have not seen sight of the existing lease and therefore do not know the exact terms of it, however I do believe that there does within a period of 125 years need to be the option and the availability for both parties to review and amend any lease to keep it fresh and up to date. 1994 was over twenty year ago and technology, society and economics have all moved on and continue to do so. In saying all of this, my comment would be that this process at the current time should be taken as a formal review and future planned formal reviews should be scheduled in for example every 5/10 years.

I would also like to comment that proper clearly defined targets, timetables, objectives and benchmarks should be set so that any variations can be clearly monitored and penalties agreed for failure to comply, either it be financial or further revision of the lease terms. These comments centre around the proposed noise reduction plans, change of flight paths and timetable for the new college, building of the hotel( both of which are still subject to planning consent ) and creating the new local jobs. There needs to be an open/audible understanding about what is meant by local people, so that should jobs and colleague placements that have to go to " outsiders" it is clearly understood why.

I think all of the above should be achievable, sustainable and encouraged. The problem will always lie with the hours of operation, which in turn BHAL say is the fundamental answer to achieving most of the gains of the plan.

I understand the need to stay open longer to compete with the European Markets however I do think they are too long. What would be agreeable would be to use the existing "shoulder hours" as operating hours with the restricted number of movements of 8 flights but open it up to any plane not just home based for week days. Weekend should also be restricted to 8am until 10 pm again with restrictive movements (8 planes) but not just to home based.

To conclude the one thing I have not heard much about is what is in it for us LBB in terms of finance? What are the hard facts and figures and how do they stake up? There needs to be a clear and robust business plan for members to see to be able to make a fully informed judgement on this subject.

As a final aside BHAL have applied for planning permission to change of use of Building 709 from a flying school to a cafe, use A3. This will enable people to view the activities of the airport in a comfortable environment, a much needed attraction.

With kind regards  
Melanie Stevens  
Cllr Biggin Hill Ward  
07900 171266  
Sent from my I pad

> On 11 Mar 2015, at 17:18, "Faint, Victoria" <[Victoria.Faint@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:Victoria.Faint@bromley.gov.uk)> wrote:  
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> Dear Cllr Stevens,  
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> Further to Marc's email to you dated 6th March (see below) he wondered if you have any comments please?

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> Many thanks.  
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> Kind regards.  
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> Victoria  
> Victoria Faint  
> PA to Marc Hume  
> Director of Regeneration and Transformation London Borough of Bromley  
> 020 8461 7987

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> From: Faint, Victoria  
> Sent: 06 March 2015 17:15  
> To: Benington, Julian, Cllr; Stevens, Melanie, CLLR; Scoates, Richard,  
> Cllr  
> Cc: Carr, Stephen, Cllr.  
> Subject: BHAL Proposal - CONFIDENTIAL

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> Dear Councillors,

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> As you know, BHAL has asked the Council to consider varying its operational hours. I attach for your information the BHAL proposal.

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> I am writing to request any comments you would like me to include in the report I am preparing for the Council and Executive meeting to be held on 25th March. If possible I would appreciate any comments by Wednesday 11th March.

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**From:** Benington, Julian, Cllr  
**Sent:** 11 March 2015 17:00  
**To:** Hume, Marc  
**Cc:** Faint, Victoria; Stevens, Melanie, CLLR; Carr, Stephen, Cllr.  
**Subject:** BHAL Proposals.

Dear Marc.

Re the proposals I am in general terms in agreement with the proposals.

The existing lease is for 125 years from 1994. Comments that it should not be amended or altered are in reality ridiculous. We must remember that 125 years ago there was no such thing as an aeroplane. The changes in technology alone since 1994 are extraordinary and this pace will continue if not speed up.

Air travel is here and private and corporate passengers do not wish to spend unnecessary travelling time at airports but wish to maximise their time by immediate access to a plane and travel to the airport they wish to visit, not just those that scheduled flights fly to.

The development of the airport is necessary to increase the benefits to LBB and the residents both financially and in employment. the site is a SOLDC and if we refuse reasonable requests the matter will be taken from our hands by the GLA or Government.

It is misleading to compare the hours of operation with just nearby airports as BHAL plans to attract service and maintenance centres and Forward Base Operations, Rizon is a great example, of major aviation companies, who can site these in any European country and it here that the competition exists, not just City airport and Northolt.

The Training Academy on the site, which already has funding, to be operated as far as I know by Bromley College, has my full support and I am sure it will be supported by most Cllrs.

The employment opportunities are very promising, albeit is at the higher level by the Consultants, but generally agreed by LBB Consultants. At present the airport and the companies situated on it, including Formula One, offer about 1000 jobs, without the adjoining two industrial estates. The opportunity to dramatically increase the number of skilled, technical positions over the next few years cannot be ignored. The 2300 new jobs mentioned will be equivalent to giving every student at Charles Darwin School a job for the next ten years. Annual intake is 224 students each year. These employment opportunities will obviously spread wider and applicants can be trained and the positions offered to local residents, contrary to BRAAD comments.

The noise levels have dramatically reduced as I can confirm from personal experience living in Downe, close to the end of the runway. This reduction in noise levels will continue for all aircraft, the application states that BHAL will reduce the number of noisier aircraft and refuse access to the older and noisier planes. Technology will continue to develop quieter aircraft as this is an international problem, not just confined to Biggin Hill.

The BHAL plans to increase the height of arriving and departing aircraft, which should take effect in the next few months will also reduce the noise nuisance to residents. The longer term plan to route arriving aircraft on the Gatwick Flightpath, to turn off and approach from the South will remove much of the noise nuisance to Farnborough and Petts Wood residents.

The hours are the sticking point and I have some sympathy with residents on the fairly dramatic changes being requested. I suggest that as an interim measure the current shoulder hours become the normal access hours, without the "based aircraft" restrictions. This will give time from 0630 to 2200 on weekdays and 0800 to 2100 at weekends.

A further application to extend the hours to those currently requested can be made in say 3 years, when the noise reduction plans have been implemented, and residents have seen that the slightly longer hours do not cause particular problems.

The current permitted movements of 125,000 per annum does mean that the current jet movements of about 12,500 per annum can be increased by a factor of 10 within the terms of the existing lease.

Kind regards  
Julian Benington  
Mayor  
London Borough of Bromley.

## Faint, Victoria

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**From:** Scoates, Richard, Cllr  
**Sent:** 11 March 2015 15:57  
**To:** Faint, Victoria  
**Subject:** Re: BHAL Proposal - CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mrs Faint,

I will need to access these reports from a computer, so I will provide my views at the relevant meetings.

Kind regard,

Cllr Richard Scoates  
Darwin Ward  
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Sent from my iPad

On 6 Mar 2015, at 17:14, "Faint, Victoria" <[Victoria.Faint@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:Victoria.Faint@bromley.gov.uk)> wrote:

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