

## COUNCIL MEETING

25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015

### (B) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### 1. From Andrew Cairns

What alternative uses for the airport site has the Council considered, more appropriate to the residential nature of the surrounding areas, given that the management of BHAL feel unable to operate a viable business without increasing their weekly operating hours by an overall 14.5% (42% increase at the weekend)?

#### 2. From Matthew Coates

(i) As job and Gross Added Value estimates are linked by NLP to more than just the increase in operating hours, has the Council received a satisfactory Business Plan from the Airport related exclusively to the increase in operating hours?

(ii) Why does the Council keep referring to the overall support for the Airport's proposals during its October survey when the Populus survey actually showed that only 35% unreservedly supported the only question that matters: Operating Hours, thus perpetuating BHAL's misrepresentation of it?

(iii) Why does the Council believe that taxpayers have to continue to provide funds and concessions to a private business serving an elite clientele AND already profitable, when that money would be better spent supporting other types of industries and enterprises?

#### 3. From Zoe Chambers

(i) What forecasts have been run to ensure that there are enough students from the borough of Bromley to justify Bromley taxpayers paying £3.5m towards it and why was it not made clear that we taxpayers, not the airport, are paying for it?

(ii) Has the Council analysed alternative sources of income for that large area which do not involve aeroplanes overflying people's homes and why would this not be a reasonable opportunity to ask the Airport (which is profitable and does not need extra support) whether they might want to rescind the lease if they do not like it as it is?

(iii) How much profit has the Council made in real terms from BHAL over the past 20 years after deducting the £1.5m to resurface the runway, additional money to install the ILS, £400k granted in 2007 (taken from BHAL's accounts) and other general infrastructure/services expenditure? Why do you think they are not taking you for a ride again?

#### **4. From Nicholas Voisey**

(i) Now that I have read the report circulated yesterday, how can a decision be taken with so many imponderables, suggested 'best efforts' amendments, unsubstantiated projections, undeliverable pledges etc?

(ii) How can the council even consider such a divisive decision based on putting two thirds unaffected residents of the borough against the third which is affected?

(iii) How can a Council, any council, support a party that has based its canvassing on market manipulation rather than market research and run a campaign by calling the opposition liars instead of using arguments as well as writing personal intimidating letters? All of this can be proven.