

Appendix A

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ORAL REPLY

From Mr Tony Trinick FREng, Chair of Flightpath Watch, to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

1. We understand a Judicial Review process by a member of the public has been acknowledged by the Council. What is the Council's process by which this process is conveyed to the Ward Councillors?

Reply

Individual ward councillors are not routinely informed if the Council is party to a judicial review application but as the question infers, the information has been in the public domain in any case.

Supplementary Question

In view of the Portfolio Holder's reply, Mr Trinick asked whether it would be reasonable to suggest that Ward Councillors are informed.

On hearing confirmation from the Portfolio Holder that Ward Councillors already know, Mr Trinick also asked whether Ward Councillors would continue to know.

Reply

The Portfolio Holder confirmed that Ward Councillors would continue to know.

2. While this Judicial Review process is ongoing, will the Council suspend actions decided on the 25 November 2015 to change the current Lease with the Airport?

Reply

We have been advised by the Court office that the case has been closed by the Court.

Supplementary Question

Mr Trinnick sought confirmation that any work by the Council on (the case) had been suspended.

Reply

The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the Council continues to finalise the agreement with BHAL and was aware that the case had been closed by the Court and (consequently) the Judicial Review no longer applies.

3. Has Biggin Hill Airport been given the Council's agreement and/or approval to use the increased operating hours decided at the meeting on the 25 November 2015?

Reply

No, it is a matter of public record that any change of operating hours will not be introduced until the lease has been amended as outlined and agreed in November 2015.

From Mrs A Stevens, Flightpath Watch Secretary, to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation

Can residents have some reassurances that flights carrying fare-paying passengers are not currently operating in/out of Biggin Hill Airport?

Reply

Flight paying passengers are not permitted under the lease, and the changes requested by BHAL will not affect this.

Supplementary Question

Mrs Stevens asked whether the Portfolio Holder was aware that BHAL were advertising discount fares and fee paying seats via twitter.

Reply

The Portfolio Holder indicated that the Council would like any information.
