

LAAG Update – August 2015

Documentation from Shepway District Council shows that a good deal of the environmental work that is required before Lydd Airport can extend its runway has now been completed. This means the runway extension (the airport plans to use the old terminal initially) is closer to taking place.

The most significant document (published August 5th) is the 84 page Construction Environment Management Plan (CEPM) which provides the framework for managing the runway extension to ensure environmental damage and disturbance to residents is minimised.

The documentation can be viewed on this link:

http://beta.shepway.gov.uk/lg/dialog.page?org.apache.shale.dialog.DIALOG_NAME=gfplanningsearch&Param=lg.Planning&ref_no=Y06/1648/CON

Or use <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>: and enter planning code Y06/1648/CON

One of the quirks associated with this planning permission is - while the environmental conditions associated with this permission have been strengthened considerably relative to those attached to the 1992 decision, those relating to nuclear safety have been correspondingly weakened.

For example, in the 1992 decision only 6000 flights per annum were permitted of aircraft with the critical mass to cause a significant radiological release should an aircraft crash into the Dungeness nuclear power complex, whereas the current permission allows up to 40,000 flights per annum of such aircraft. In addition flight paths are allowed that result in aircraft pointing directly at the power stations – in the 1992 decision these flight paths were not permitted. The net result is a considerable decline in safety standards from a nuclear safety perspective between the two decisions.

The decision itself to approve Lydd Airport's development - increases the probability of an aircraft accident at Dungeness which is capable of causing a serious radiological release to unacceptably high levels.

Note LAAG's website will be updated in due course. In the meantime updates can be found on LAAG's Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lydd-Airport-Action-Group-LAAG/393524244539> and Twitter pages <https://twitter.com/LAAGsayno>

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