



Committee Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

Re: The planning, construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport

Liverpool City Council appreciates the opportunity and would like to make a submission on the above mentioned inquiry, as the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (the Airport) is fully situated within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA) and will have significant impacts on the LGA and across Western Sydney.

The construction of the Airport is an exciting development in the Western Parkland City and places the Liverpool CBD in a strategic position between Sydney's two international airports. Council welcomes and supports the project. Please find attached comments relevant to Council on the following terms of reference items:

- Community engagement
- Transport links and supporting infrastructure
- Training and employment
- Environment, heritage and other related matters

Council appreciates that the Federal Government has allocated funding for a Metro line to be constructed from St Marys to the Airport and that major road corridors around the airport are also being constructed. Council has previously made representations that the south-west rail link should be extended from Leppington to the airport and for a road/public transport link from the Liverpool City Centre along Hoxton Park Road and Fifteenth Avenue to be upgraded to provide appropriate public transport links for Liverpool residents.

Council requests the Committee to consider its submission and the above request for improved public transport links for Liverpool residents.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Charles Wiafe, Acting Manager Planning and Transport Strategy on 8711 7452.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Director City Economy and Growth



Community Engagement

In early 2020, the Western Sydney Airport Company (WSA Co) participated in community engagement sessions facilitated by the Western Sydney Planning Partnership (WSPP). This was as part of the Aerotropolis initial planning package exhibition, which included the exhibition of the Draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan. During this time, residents raised questions with WSA Co regarding flight paths and aircraft noise.

Further community engagement is recommended by WSA Co, potentially through the form of a Community Liaison Committee. This was recommended in Council's submission on the Airports Environmental Impact Statement in December 2015. Given the proposed 24 hour nature of the Airport, clear communication between the residents and WSA Co will assist in addressing concerns early and avoid conflict which otherwise may restrict the ability for ongoing 24 hour operations.

Transport links and supporting infrastructure

Council has previously been consulted about the Airport ground transport plan. Council would appreciate continued consultation in the development and implementation of a ground transport plan which would include appropriate access from the east along Fifteenth Avenue to the airport.

The ground transport plan would be an integral part to the transport network within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and Council's input into the finalisation and implementation of the plan is recommended.

Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) '*Connected Liverpool 2040*', identifies a 'Rapid smart transit link between Liverpool and Western Sydney International Airport/Aerotropolis' as a local planning priority. Council has worked with the Western Sydney Planning Partnership to identify a transport network within the draft Aerotropolis Precinct Plans.

The transport network includes an important east-west transit corridor from Liverpool CBD to the Airport via Fifteenth Avenue, to the proposed Eastern Ring Road, and then via Pitt Street into the Airport. Council would welcome further discussion with WSA Co regarding interim access to the Airport, prior to the construction of the Eastern Ring Road.

In addition, the LSPS includes extension of the south-west rail line from Leppington to the Western Sydney Airport and Aerotropolis, with an interchange at the Airport. Council has made previous representations for such an extension and recognises that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has identified the project for long term implementation.

Given that Leppington station is currently the closest station to the Airport, it would be the most effective opportunity to provide a public transport link between Liverpool CBD and the Airport. A direct public transport link to the Airport site would ensure early access for Liverpool residents and the greater south-west region and provide a rail connection between the Kingsford Smith Airport and the Western Sydney Airport.

Council requests that, for efficient public transport for Liverpool residents, the extension should be considered as a short to medium-term project.

Council appreciates that WSA Co has established a transport co-ordination group made up of representatives of the airport company, Transport for NSW and Council to discuss major transport infrastructure to/from the WSA.

Site preparation, including the realignment of the Northern Road

The Northern Road is a classified State road between Camden and Hawkesbury LGA's. A section of The Northern Road is through the Liverpool LGA. As the road's authority, Council was consulted about the realignment of the section of The Northern Road around the Airport site. Council was consulted during the design investigation and environmental approvals of the road upgrade.

Council appreciates that The Northern Road upgrade, including realignment, has now been almost completed. Council requested for shared paths to be installed along appropriate sections of the road however not all the requested sections have paved shared paths.

In addition, Council requested that road sections that are to be declassified and handed over to Council, including road sections through Bringelly and Luddenham to be upgraded before these road sections are handed over to Council. Such upgrades have not been carried out.

Training and employment

Council supports WSA Co's commitment to generate economic and social benefits for the greater Western Sydney region. Council notes and appreciates that, WSA Co's Procurement Guidance¹ with commitments for 30% and 50% of the employees at the construction and operation stages respectively, being from Western Sydney². Additionally, there is a commitment for 20% of the workforce to consist of learning workers, such as apprentices and trainees, by 2025.

Council's Economic Development Strategy identifies that 70% of the LGA workforce commute outside the local area, and there is high youth unemployment. Therefore, these commitments are very welcome as it will assist Western Sydney in addressing a historic jobs deficit. Council officers have used this local procurement commitment as an example to other government organisations, and believe it should be used as a template for other agencies.

The location of WSA Co's administrative functions in the Liverpool CBD is welcome and adds to growing professional services located in the CBD. Council has also supported the WSA Co in its submission to have Qantas relocate their headquarters to the Airport. Council looks forward to future collaborations with WSA Co, in order to attract significant employers to Liverpool and to provide jobs in Western Sydney.

Environment and heritage management

Wastewater Treatment

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Western Sydney Airport indicates that an estimated 15.4 ML of wastewater would be generated each day during operation of the

¹ WSA Co September 2019, Procurement Guidance.

² The Procurement Guide classifies 'Western Sydney' as the Western City Deal Councils, and Parramatta, Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, Holroyd and the Hills District LGAs.

airport and associated development. Wastewater would either be reticulated to an onsite treatment facility prior to being recycled or irrigated at the site. Alternatively, it has been suggested that wastewater may be transferred to an offsite sewage treatment facility. Council has seen extensive reports regarding the resulting wastewater treatment for the Airport site.

Air Quality

Aircraft operations are likely to significantly contribute to concentrations of air pollutants including but not limited to particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and odour in the region. Increases in ozone were also previously predicted to the south and south-west of the airport. Additional resources, including but not limited to, mapping layers compatible with Council's geographical information system would assist with identifying land potentially affected by air quality or odour impacts associated with Western Sydney Airport.

Regulated Systems

Council is awaiting confirmation whether regulated systems such as warm water and/or cooling water systems will be installed as part of the Project in accordance with the *Public Health Act 2010*, *Public Health Regulation 2012* and AS 3666.

Site Regulation

To improve site regulation, clear guidance is required outlining the Appropriate Regulatory Authorities for scheduled and non-scheduled activities at the site. Comprehensive compliance monitoring initiatives that incorporate both qualitative and quantitative measures will be required during construction and operation of Western Sydney Airport.

Stormwater Management

Council officers have been involved with WSA Co's consultant regarding stormwater management of the Airport. Staff found the consultant to be professional and transparent in addressing stormwater issues.

Any related matters

In addition, Council is planning the design and delivery of the Adams and Anton Road upgrades with the WSA Co. WSA Co and their consultants have been extremely professional and co-operative in all aspects of this project.