

**Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee Meeting  
28 September 2005  
Report by the Executive Chairman of BAA Heathrow**

**Agenda Item 5**

**1) Traffic Statistics**

	<b>July '05</b>	<b>% change from July 2004</b>	<b>August '05</b>	<b>% change from August 2004</b>
Passengers	<b>6.46m</b>	-0.6%	<b>6.12m</b>	-3%
Passengers - Moving Annual Total	<b>67.75m</b>	1.9%	<b>67.56m</b>	1.5%
Total Air Transport Movements (ATMs)	<b>41,049</b>	-0.2%	<b>40,260</b>	-0.7%
ATMs - Moving Annual Total	<b>470,556</b>	0.6%	<b>470,258</b>	0.5%

*Source: Research Department, BAA plc*

**2) Runway Alternation**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Adherence to Alternation Schedule</b>	<b>Westerly/Easterly Split</b>
July 2005	96%	74.3% westerly 25.7% easterly
August 2005	94%	84.3% westerly 15.7% easterly

*Source: Flight Evaluation Office, BAA Heathrow*

**3) Go Arounds**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Go-Arounds</b>
July 2005	38
August 2005	42

Source: NATS

**4) Traffic Figures**

Traffic figures for both July and August were affected by the aftermath of the London bomb attacks and the Gate Gourmet dispute. August passenger traffic was down by 3%. However, in the twelve months to date, passenger traffic has risen by 1.5%, while at the same time, movements have risen by 0.5%. This underlines the trend of increased capacity efficiency that we have been reporting for some time now.

## **5) Operations**

The weather has brought some severe disruptions to operations at Heathrow this month. Storms on the nights of 4th-5th and 9th-10th September brought about widespread and ongoing disruption for Air Traffic Control, resulting in airfield and terminal congestion at the airport.

All of the delayed flights were dispensed in accordance with the DfT's guidelines – ie, due to the airfield and terminal congestion and Air Traffic Control delays.

Although this was extremely disruptive and the airport was so affected twice in a very short time, over time these exceptional conditions are relatively rare and under normal conditions delayed flights are not dispensed but instead count against both the movements and quota limits.

## **6) Terminal 5**

At the beginning of September, members of the local community and almost 3,000 workers celebrated the completion of the T5's building structure with a "topping out" ceremony. Secretary of State for Transport, Alistair Darling, addressed the attendees and praised the project, which remains on time and on budget.

Over the weekend of 16-17<sup>th</sup> September, T5 once again took part in the national "Open Site" scheme, where members of the public have a chance to see construction sites of national importance. For security reasons, buses were not taken into the site, but were given a tour around the perimeter, seeing the buildings and related projects at close hand. A detailed exhibition at the Visitor Centre also provided a clear picture of how T5 will look once completed.

## **7) A380 developments**

A significant benchmark has been reached in the development of Pier 6, the state-of-the-art building that has been designed specifically to meet the needs of the A380.

The first complete gate room at Pier 6 has now been unveiled. This is one of four gate rooms that will make-up the new 280 metre long glass-fronted building, and it marks a significant step forward in the ongoing transformation of BAA Heathrow.

Overall, Heathrow is spending £450m to ensure the airport is ready for the A380. The "super jumbo" is important to the future of the airport, as it will allow for greater efficiency.

Heathrow will be one of the first airports in the world ready for the A380. Runways have been widened, taxiways have been moved, new baggage belts have been installed and lights repositioned. Two dedicated stands at Terminal 4 are also being built and some of the stands at Terminal 5 will be able to accommodate larger generation aircraft.

## **8) Draft Interim Master Plan**

We continue to meet with local authorities and other interested groups as we consult on the draft interim master plan. The consultation is open until the end of October.

Almost 1,000 hard copies have been distributed and the document is still available on the internet at [www.heathrow.com/masterplan](http://www.heathrow.com/masterplan).

We expect to publish an updated master plan as soon as is practicable in 2006 and we will update the Committee in the coming months.

### **9) BAA's Volunteering Awards**

BAA has just launched its second annual Employee Volunteering awards scheme, I-Volunteer. The BAA Communities Trust is providing awards of £2,000 and £5,000 to the winners' chosen charities or organisations. Heathrow staff did well in last year's awards, winning significant funding for their chosen organisations – local, national and international. The awards are open to anyone working in any part of BAA. More information about applying is available from [ivolunteer@baa.com](mailto:ivolunteer@baa.com) or by calling 020 8745 0111/4681.

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