

AIRPORT TRANSPORT FORUM (ATF)

20 July 2018

The last meeting of the ATF was held on the 29th March 2018. The next ATF meeting is scheduled for 9 August 2018. The Activity Summary Table confirms the three ATF2018 Work Group topics being progressed and also summarises the surface access and transport focused activities progressed since the last LCACC meeting.

2018 ATF WORKING GROUPS

1. Prepare Travel Plans for staff and passengers:
Setting out the travel objectives for the next 3 years to achieve the overall Airport Surface Access Strategy targets. Framework Travel Plans discussed and agreed with the London Borough of Newham (LBN), airport has appointed consultant to undertake the drafting and comments will be sought from ATF members in Q3 2018. Publication of the document is planned Dec 2018.
2. Elizabeth Line Connection:
We are considering what the most appropriate short term connection between the airport and existing Elizabeth Line stations would be. One option is relates to a potential 15 minute shuttle bus connection between Custom House station and the airport, utilising the existing taxi pick up area at ExCeL. This option requires agreement from ExCel and a better understanding of the business case, but it appears to offer the best passenger transfer option.
3. Cycling and Walking:
The focus will be how best to link the airport with the LBN walking and cycling network and ensure routes are safe, well signed, and good quality and to support staff and passengers to use these options by providing the necessary support facilities e.g. showers, secure parking etc.

The introduction of the Mobike cycle hire to the airport, as part of the wider roll out across the Royal Docks Area, is no longer being brought forward. The airport continues to engage with LBN and the Royal Docks team to understand if there is going to be an alternative provider brought into the area.

UPDATE ON SURFACE ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

4. The ATF recommended measures to reduce staff car parking at the airport in the form of car sharing initiative.

We are progressing with Liftshare, a company that specialises in operating a car sharing and travel planning website. They are to provide a car sharing website for LCY that would enable all those who work at the airport to find and arrange car shares. The website offers a travel planning tool to provide staff with a way to generate a travel plan to work – showing different modes of transport including walking and cycling and generates a plan showing the time, cost, etc. of all the available modes of transport that is personalised to them. This delivers a way of enabling us to reduce car use by staff. The data provided by Liftshare us to monitor and report the uptake as part of our sustainable transportation commitments to LBN. We will present the scheme at the August Staff Committee meeting.
5. The airport’s website has been updated to make it far more user friendly than the previous version. It now provides an improved journey planning tool to identify the options available to get to the airport and a clear set of tabs that set out the key information for each mode.

6. We continue to lobby in support of the extension of Crossrail to Ebbsfleet.

7. The airport is supporting the Crossrail to Ebbsfleet (C2E) proposals. This is a consortium of London boroughs and south-eastern councils that are lobbying for an extension for the Elizabeth Line from Abbey Wood to Ebbsfleet with the objective of linking these new proposed garden city and other towns to the capital. The project could open the opportunity for a dedicated airport Elizabeth Line station.

8. Residents Parking Zone (standing ATF agenda item): No concerns have been raised with the airport directly since the previous meeting. It is acknowledged however that some nuisance parking may still be occurring in the area; but the ATF members confirmed its view that it is no worse than in any other area of the borough.