

SPECIAL PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 September 2014

P19. DURHAM TEES VALLEY AIRPORT – MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED – (a) That the thanks of this Scrutiny Committee be conveyed to Professor Peter Nears for his interesting and informative presentation.

(b) That there is an expectation that Peel Airports will continue its endeavours to secure the future of DTVA and that any future development is devoted to that end should planning permission be forthcoming.

(c) That Place Scrutiny Committee acknowledges the role of DTVA as an asset, essential to the economic growth of the Tees Valley and as an international gateway for businesses seeking global markets.

(d) That Place Scrutiny Committee acknowledges the current commercial pressures of DTVA but consider it essential that the link to the international hub at Schiphol and the Aberdeen route remain as a minimum.

(e) That Place Scrutiny Committee look forward to the possible restoration of a route to the south east and further commercial and leisure flights when the economy allows.

(f) That Place Scrutiny Committee would encourage Peel Holdings to embark on more imaginative methods of marketing routes including liaison with local companies to determine their needs.

(g) That Place Scrutiny Committee acknowledges the commercial difficulties under which the Airport is operating and would support lobbying with other local authorities and MP's to amend Government regulations, which are at present disadvantageous, to ensure that DTVA remains viable.

(h) That Place Scrutiny Committee acknowledges DTVA could perform better if the integrated rail and road transport system were improved therefore Darlington Borough Council will work with the Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership to ensure that DTVA is properly integrated.

(i) That Peel Holdings should be aware that this Council would expect that appropriate infrastructure be put in place to support any future community development should planning permission be forthcoming.