

ENVIRONMENT & LOCAL ISSUES SUB-COMMITTEE

**A meeting of the Sub-Committee will be held at 10.00 a.m. on
Friday 5th March 2004
in the Conference Room at the Visitor Centre
Bath Road, Heathrow Airport**

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2003 (*copy enclosed*).
- 3. “EASTERLY DEPARTURES FROM HEATHROW AIRPORT”**
- a presentation by Steve James, General Manager, Air Traffic Services, Heathrow, NATS.
- 4. “UK AIR QUALITY STRATEGY”**- a presentation by Davide Minotti, Head of National and Local Air Quality Policy Branch, Department of Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The presentation needs to be considered in the context of the White Paper proposals for a possible third runway at Heathrow Airport, provided that air pollution levels will be able to comply with European Union standards.
- 5. “NOISE CONTOURS AT HEATHROW AIRPORT”**- a discussion piece by John Stewart, HACAN/Clearskies about the methodology of computing these contours and doubts about their validity.

The enclosed extract from the Mayor of London’s draft “Ambient Noise Strategy” relates to this matter and provides a useful background. The delayed Noise Strategy is expected to be published in 2004.
- 6. “CONTROL OF AIRCRAFT NOISE”**- a summary of the new powers available to airport operators, and for the designated BAA London airports, the Secretary of State; the main document was published as one of those issued to support the aviation White Paper last December.
- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**