



Mr Brian Ambrose
Chief Executive
Belfast City Airport
BELFAST
BT3 9JH

Chief Executive's Office

Clarence Court
10 - 18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB
Tel. (028) 9054 0540
Fax (028) 9054 0662
Tel: 9054 0647
28 July 2004

Dear Mr Ambrose

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2004 to David Carroll, plus the related enclosures, seeking a review of the Planning Agreement governing the airport operations, which as you know has been passed to me for consideration.

We have now had an initial opportunity to consider your submission and, in the short term, I need to consult further internally on some of the issues you have raised.

When we have had some further time to best consider the way forward, I believe it would be useful to meet to clarify certain issues. In the meantime, as an interim step only, it would be helpful to have sight of the views and submissions you received as part of your open and transparent consultation with key stakeholders.

At this early stage it would also be helpful if you would let me have the following additional preliminary information:

1. Some indication of the timescale for finalising your Airport Master Plan 2015 (plus sight of any early drafts, if available).
2. Additional information on the land use development proposals outlined in your paper specifically in relation to timing and how, in line with your comments, these are consistent with both the emerging BMAP and BMTP.
3. The latest up to date seats for sale figures.
4. Your forecast seats for sale figure for the 2004 12-month calendar year period.
5. At what stage you envisage reaching the 1.5 million restriction figure.
6. Some explanation on the formulae used to convert the 1.5 million seats for sale to a 2.2 million passenger throughput.

PMcB163.dr

7. The current level of ATMs.
8. The likely level of ATMs linked to your forecast 3 million passenger throughput by 2018.
9. Further comment and explanation on your reference to a 50% increase in passenger throughput over the next decade, specifically in relation to your prediction of 3 million passengers by 2018, against the current level of 'seats for sale' and passenger throughput.

It seems that September 2004 is probably the earliest we could realistically expect to meet and I will ask my secretary to contact yours to make arrangements. While not critical, nevertheless, it would greatly assist our initial consideration on how best to progress your request if you could let me have the information outlined above before the end of August 2004.

Finally, you will appreciate that Planning Service, like BCA, will ensure that this matter is taken forward as part of an open and transparent process, which may include the need for a Public Inquiry.

Yours sincerely



PAT McBRIDE
Director of Operations