

Circular from West Park Residents Association

Update on Leeds Bradford Airport Issues

- 'Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport' (GALBA) are holding a meeting next week, Tuesday 21st January, from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Kirkstall Valley Development Trust, Unit 11, Kirkstall Bridge Retail Park, off Bridge Road. All are welcome to attend. (See [here](#) for more information). The meeting is part of a campaign to fight the expansion plans for the airport on the grounds of noise nuisance and its detrimental impact on climate change. GALBA maintain that the airport expansion plans are “incompatible” with Leeds City Council’s declaration of a climate emergency. Their supporters include a number of existing local organisations as well as concerned individuals.
- New plans to demolish LBA’s terminal and replace it with a new building that could cost up to £150 million were announced earlier this week. (See ‘LBA’s New Expansion Plan’ below).
- Last month a planned link road to be built near Leeds Bradford Airport was scrapped, and instead Leeds City Council is pressing ahead with plans for a smaller ‘spur’ road and a parkway rail station more than a mile from the site. More information [here](#).
- North West Leeds Transport Forum (NWLTF) has written to ICCAN (Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise) inviting them to Leeds to talk with NWLTF members about the failure of LBA to meet its statutory responsibility to properly consult with local communities on their activities. This is because NWLTF are not getting an acceptable answer from the Airport to a request for representation on the Airport Consultative Committee. (ICCAN is a national body set up by the Department for Transport tasked with trying to help manage noise concerns between airports and local communities).

LBA's New Expansion Plan

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) is in the process of submitting plans for a new terminal building. The proposed three storey building replaces earlier proposals that had already been accepted by the Council. The new plans will require new planning permission and further public consultation. The following points and the illustration are taken from [here](#):



- LBA received consent to expand its existing terminal in January 2019 with a target of seven million passengers by 2030. Instead of that the new plans propose the construction of a three floor, 34,000 sq m terminal on an alternative site within the airport's boundary.
- Features to enhance the passenger experience include better surface access, with the site located nearer to the proposed rail link, clean and airy interiors, improved shopping, restaurants and bars and excellent access and comfort through from arrival to boarding.
- Completion of the terminal would enable LBA to meet its target of net zero carbon emissions from airport operations by 2023.
- Residents across Yorkshire are invited to submit their views on the plans in due course.

Further information is also available in a recent BBC [news item](#) dated 15-01-2020 which mentions that:

- Plans for the new terminal are to be submitted in the spring.
- LBA said the proposal would "support our region's economic growth". It hopes the building could be open by 2023, and the original building would operate throughout construction.
- The airport employs about 2,500 people and deals with about four million passengers annually. The current terminal was built in 1965.

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