

# ACC FACT SHEET

## What is an ACC?

An Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) is a structured forum that provides an opportunity for the exchange of information between airports and a wide range of interested parties. There is a statutory requirement for airports to provide a forum for consultation as set out by section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982.

## What is an ACC's role?

All UK airports need “to provide adequate facilities for consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the airport which affects the interests of users of the airport, local authorities and any other organisation representing the interests of persons concerned with the locality in which the airport is situated”.

## What is CISHA?

The Council for the Independent Scrutiny of Heathrow Airport (CISHA), together with our forums, is an Airport Consultative Committee. The Council and its forums work with stakeholders to make progress on the issues that matter to them. CISHA holds the airport to account and works to help ensure it is the best neighbour it can be and to protect and enhance the interests of airport users and passengers. It is an independently chaired body and is responsible for ensuring constructive and effective engagement between Heathrow Airport and those impacted by it.

## What does an ACC typically get involved in?

Environmental impacts such as air quality, noise, carbon emissions, waste reduction; airspace modernisation; growth and sustainable development; monitoring and enhancing the passenger experience; transport improvement; local community issues; and the local, regional, and national economy.

## What are the aims of an ACC?

- ✓ Foster communication and build understanding between the airport and its users, local authorities, local residents, the business community and interest groups.
- ✓ Involve a diverse a range of stakeholders to build relationships between the airport, the local engagement forums, and the wider community.
- ✓ Consider and comment upon the impacts of the airport's administration, operation and development.
- ✓ Influence decisions through scrutiny, performance monitoring, mediation, and constructive advice.
- ✓ Provide insight by offering new perspectives on issues that matter to stakeholders through research, surveys, and expertise.
- ✓ To be open and transparent, approachable, and accessible to all stakeholders and the public.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Who funds an Airport Consultative Committee (ACC)?

The majority of Airport Consultative Committees are funded by their respective airports. Although they are funded in this way, they are independent in deciding where their funds are spent. Heathrow Airport provides funding for CISHA's operations. However, CISHA has operational independence, and allocation of funding is decided by the Chair in accordance with the terms of reference.

## Are all ACC's the same?

No, each ACC is unique and varies depending on the size and complexity of the airport. Larger ACCs will have more forums for discussion, meet more frequently, and are resourced to a greater extent.

## How do I get involved?

To get involved with CISHA visit our website to find out more about our forum structure. To speak to the secretariat at CISHA email [info@cisha.org](mailto:info@cisha.org).

## What is the UK Airport Consultative Committees (UKACCs)?

This is a liaison group of Airport Consultative Committees (ACC) from across the UK. Currently there are 24 airport consultative committees that meet annually to discuss matters of common interest and to share best practice and concerns. Although UKACCs meets annually, member ACCs continue to discuss and share issues of common interest throughout the year via the UKACCs Secretariat. UKACCs engage with the Department for Transport (DfT) and Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to aid with policy and strategy development providing the ACC community with a concerted and coordinated voice at a variety of important and influential national fora and with stakeholder bodies. More information can be found on UKACCs website [www.ukaccs.org](http://www.ukaccs.org).

