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COMMERCIAL SCHEDULED FLIGHTS?

Aviation Consultants – Apollo Aviation Advisory Ltd have undertaken a survey on the potential for scheduled commercial flights from Shoreham Airport. With many areas of the airport being upgraded, taxiway ‘A’ has just been widened for instance, we may be forgiven for thinking that the day is closer than it is. In truth the taxiway created a problem for aircraft like the citation whose undercarriage was nearly as wide as the original taxiway.



There are many reasons why commercial scheduled flights should take place from Shoreham not least being the increase in revenue to the Authority. This has to be a positive incentive for everyone who flies from the airport as a percentage of that revenue will be ploughed back into the facilities within the complex.

Both John Haffenden, the Airport General Manager, and the Airport Management Committee have given a commitment that general aviation, the "bread and butter" business, will not suffer when commercial schedules start. It is envisaged that the commercial schedules will be

concentrated in the early part of the day and the late afternoon. After all what business man wants to be arriving in Europe half way through the day? This should not affect the majority of general aviation flying. Apollo Aviation Advisory Ltd have published a brochure on their survey and



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this has been sent to about 73 companies whom they believe would be interested in such a scheme. They have in addition taken advertising space in such magazines as Flight International and it is proposed to publicise the proposals in one of the "heavy" national papers.

Apollo Aviation Advisory Ltd have been operating successfully for some 6 years and have wide experience in the field of aviation consultancy. Most of the senior management having

spent time in major airline management. They also act as consultants to many major airlines British Airways and Air France being just two of them and they have a spirited interest in getting Shoreham's scheme off the ground so to speak.

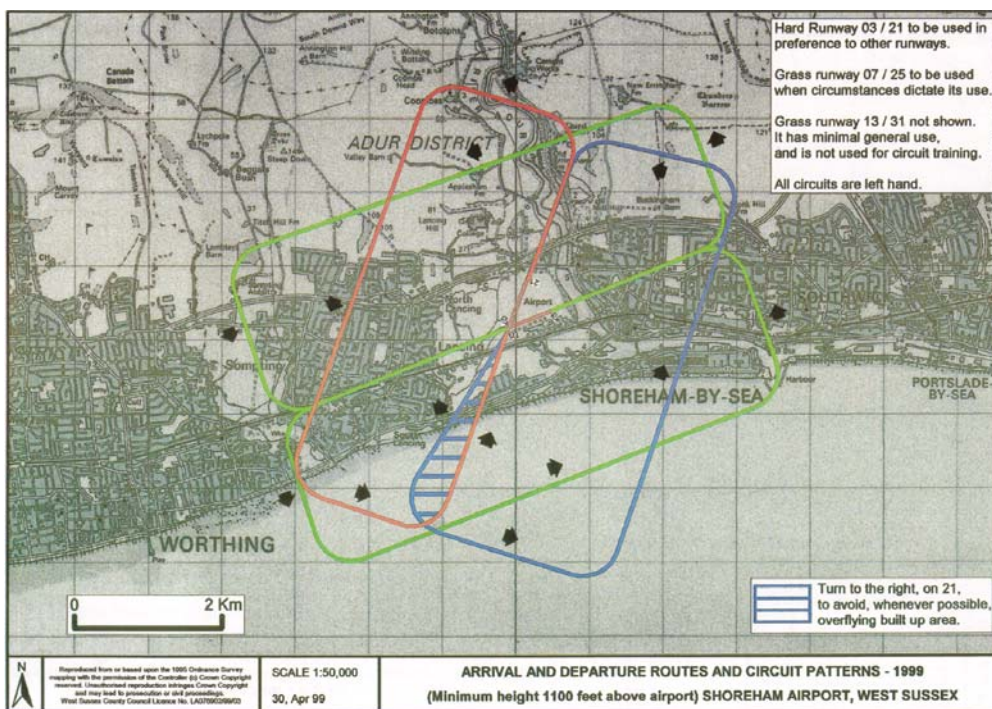
Peter Villa with whom I spoke did however offer a word of caution, any company showing an interest in the scheme will be thoroughly vetted and screened to ensure that the scheme does not founder in its early days.

What about access to the airport? Readers will know that work has been on going at the junction of the A27 in relation to the traffic lights. The new lights have been upgraded with an intelligent control system. The system remembers the traffic volume and times and the timing of the lights is adjusted accordingly. Guy Berrisford of the Highways Agency said that the longer they are in operation the better they get! The Highways Agency did say that the complaints from businesses within the airport

were taken into consideration but that a general upgrading throughout the whole A27 route is being undertaken. Hopefully this work will alleviate the long waits to leave the airport in the late afternoon!

Send any comments you would like to make on this subject to the Editor or email your comments to san@cwmail.com.

Shoreham Airport Circuit Map



The circuit map shown above is displayed at full size in the Briefing Room as home based pilots will know. Pilots who hold an account with the Authority will have received an A4 size copy of the map but for those

who do not hold accounts, A4 size copies are available from the Airport should you want one. The map shows the noise abatement facility, which was mentioned, in our second edition. Visitors from abroad

have asked if this map could be displayed on the Shoreham Airport web site and when this newspaper is published the map will be available on the Internet at <http://www.shorehamairport.co.uk>

CLOCK APPEAL

The clock appeal is doing better! On Saturday 24th July Shoreham Airport News made a collection at the Airport in aid of the clock appeal and collected £67.81 in about two hours. We would like to thank all those who donated. We shall be collecting on various Saturdays/Sundays throughout the summer and we hope you will give generously. The fund currently stands at £211.81.

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