

Annual Review 2004



January 2004

- * SSE publishes White Paper summary and commentary
- * SSE challenges BAA to let battle commence at Stansted meeting attended by 700+ people
- * SSE Community Calendar sales completed by 50 volunteers and 30 retailers, raising £20,000
- * SSE begins preparations for Judicial Review challenge and building a consortium to share costs
- * SSE initiates schools' briefings to ensure balanced debate within curriculum studies

February 2004

- * SSE Update leaflet distributed to 140,000 homes
- * SSE supporters join other airport communities for 'sleep in' protest at DfT Noise Conference
- * SSE makes presentations at 8 public meetings, including a special meeting for Broxted/Takeley
- * SSE begins City analyst briefings addressing lack of commercial justification for expansion
- * 'Snowdrops' fundraising event at the Gardens of Easton Lodge raises £500 for SSE

March 2004

- * SSE's Judicial Review claim submitted in partnership with Heathrow and Luton communities
- * SSE reveals extent of BAA land grab as large as the area bordered by London's Circle Line
- * SSE Planning & Response Committee formed (expert representation on health and environment)
- * BAA's Chief Executive admits to City: "no second runway without a business case"
- * SSE briefs 1100 'key opinion formers' on the financing of Stansted Airport
- * SSE issues guidance to parish and other councils on BAA's HOSS consultation
- * SSE lobbies on Planning & Compulsory Purchase Bill, leading to important amendments
- * SSE makes presentations at 27 public meetings including joint platform with BAA at Harlow
- * Broxted Quiz and Duton Hill Quiz Nights raise £700 and £250 for SSE respectively

April 2004

- * SSE wins Parliamentary award for Best Community Campaign
- * SSE makes presentations at 22 public meetings
- * BAA Plane Talk propaganda sheet condemned by politicians and community leaders
- * SSE issues Special House Prices Report to 20,000 homeowners
- * SSE newssheet 'The Stun' reveals noise impacts using BAA's own radar maps
- * SSE attends Royal Aeronautical Society Conference on airport expansion and the environment
- * Little Easton Antiques Roadshow raises £900 for SSE

May 2004

- * SSE makes presentations at 18 public meetings
- * SSE's shareholder resolution forced upon BAA for AGM agenda in July
- * SSE/NWEEHPA respond to Passenger Air Transport Movements consultation proposals
- * Henham Quiz Walk and Stansted Quiz Night raise £400 and £450 respectively for SSE

June 2004

- * High Court allows SSE's Judicial Review claim against the White Paper
- * Terry Waite plants inaugural tree at the SSE Woods, Broxted Hill Farm
- * SSE holds cross-party MPs briefing at the House of Commons
- * SSE parent organisation NWEEHPA AGM held
- * Meetings commence to oppose inclusion of second runway in EERA's regional spatial

strategy

* Hatfield Broad Oak Jumble Sale raises £250 for SSE

* Vanishing Villages at Broxted Open Gardens attracts 1000 people and raises £4000 for SSE

July 2004

* Peter Sanders appointed new SSE Chairman, Norman Mead becomes Deputy Chairman

* SSE speaks at the BAA AGM on shareholder authorisation of political donations

* BAA MORI poll bias exposed by SSE, leading to industry watchdog investigation

* SSE prepares detailed opinion on BAA's scoping studies for Environmental Impact Assessment

* Saffron Walden Car Boot Sale raises £250 for SSE

August 2004

* Second anniversary of SSE's establishment

* 360' panoramic views installed on SSE website showing threatened homes and countryside

* The Lancet publishes comment on unhealthy airports by SSE Health Working Group Chairman

* SSE takes part in the Countess of Warwick Show and National Trust Hatfield Forest event

September 2004

* BAA rescinds free parking for MPs, MEPs and Peers following SSE's campaigning

* SSE Surface Access Strategy published examining implications for full use of existing runway

* SSE condemns BAA's response on compensation and opens discussions with government

* SSE speaks at Commercial Aviation Sustainability Strategy conference in London

* SSE Update leaflet distributed to homes across Uttlesford and East Herts

* SSE publishes guidance for parish council input into government's Night Flights Consultation

* SSE attends Labour Party Conference and meets Ministers, Peers, MPs and special advisers

* SSE Runway Ramble attracts 1000 people and raises £10,000 for SSE legal fund

* Manuden Champagne Supper Auction raises £8,000 for SSE legal fund

October 2004

* SSE attends Conservative Party Conference and meets Parliamentarians and special advisers

* SSE holds public meeting for Sudbury residents about increasing overflying and noise impacts

* BAA admits it won't make a decision on the business case for a second runway until Nov 2008

* Over 60 SSE volunteers and 30 shops begin selling Community Calendar and Christmas cards

* SSE publishes analysis of CAA Stansted statistics showing declining share of business travel

November 2004

* Mass tree planting of the SSE Wood with 500 of the 1100 sponsored trees at Broxted Hill Farm

* SSE supports Takeley Parish Council in planning legal action on compensation for blight

* Red Letter Day held in five locations and Blight Dossier appeal launched

* SSE Noise Working Group Chair addresses pan-European airport conference

* Barn Dance and Tilty Cheese and Wine Evening raise £2,600 and £500 for SSE

December 2004

* SSE and partners begin Judicial Review of the Air Transport White Paper in the High Court

* SSE members total 6000 individuals and over 100 parishes, societies and special interest groups.