

Annual Review 2005



January 2005

- * 200 community leaders, MPs, MEPs and supporters attend SSE Conference
- * 25,000 SSE Yellow 'Fact & Fiction' Cards launched by six local MPs and MEPs
- * Parliamentarians briefed by SSE on surface access issues relating to Stansted
- * 7000th Community Calendar 2005 sold in aid of SSE bringing total raised to £20,000
- * SSE Shareholder Resolution accepted by BAA for 2005 AGM

February 2005

- * High Court rules Government acted unlawfully in specifying second runway siting
- * 40 leading bankers and analysts attend SSE City Briefing on Stansted commercial viability
- * SSE highlights heritage plight at Gardens of Easton Lodge and raises £400
- * SSE guides members on supporting EU action on Night Flights ban
- * Hertfordshire County Council briefed by SSE on surface access issues relating to Stansted
- * Broxted Quiz Night raises £1000

March 2005

- * SSE holds major public meeting at Mountfitchet High School attended by 300+ people
- * Lord Braybrooke and Sir Alan Haselhurst MP host fundraising appeal
- * SSE issues guidance to 200+ councils and responds to EERA's draft East of England plan
- * South Suffolk Air Transport Action Group representative joins SSE Executive
- * Conservative Party aviation policy reflects cross subsidy and blight compensation concerns
- * Henham Quiz Night raises £1000

April 2005

- * Pre-election briefings held for Parliamentary candidates on Stansted expansion
- * Critique of BAA environmental impact assessment plans sent to Uttlesford DC
- * Guidance and response provided to EU Consultation on climate change/aviation
- * SSE issues response to Department for Transport's M11 Corridor Expansion consultation
- * Meeting held between SSE and National Trust policy unit
- * SSE Rail Working Group established
- * London Marathon completed by SSE Officer Manager Ian Hobson, raising £1200
- * Bling and Bags Sale in Saffron Walden raises £1700
- * Takeley Quiz Night raises £950

May 2005

- * SSE issues council guidance and responds to Environmental Noise Directive consultation
- * 300 major investors, 150 shareholders and media briefed on SSE resolution for BAA AGM
- * SSE representatives attend BAA Air Quality Seminar
- * SSE presentation to EERA on Stansted transport issues
- * SSE Ball at Blake Hall Ongar raises £5000
- * Barn Dance at Pledgdon Green raises £1100
- * Thorley Quiz raises £200
- * Hatfield Broad Oak 10km runners raise £1700

June 2005

- * SSE meets BAA's Health Impact Assessment consultants to express concerns on remit/scope
- * SSE Noise team begins work on comprehensive response to Night Flight Consultation
- * MPs and Peers briefed by SSE on Civil Aviation Bill and other issues
- * Norman Mead, Deputy Chairman, awarded MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours
- * SSE responds to Essex Local Transport Plan highlighting airport-related issues
- * SSE attends preliminary meeting for Examination of draft East of England Plan
- * SSE holds formal talks with Uttlesford District Council on expansion expectations
- * BAA admits it cannot meet government target date for a second Stansted runway

- * SSE attends seminars on implementing the White Paper and on health impacts
- * Candour of BAA Directors questioned over SSE shareholder resolution
- * 1000 people join SSE Runway Ramble and Grand Summer Fete, raising £5,000

July 2005

- * SSE shareholder resolution/Stansted expansion viability dominate questions at BAA's AGM
- * Mark Prisk MP demands independent airport watchdog to monitor BAA
- * SSE exposes BAA plans to play down second runway impacts in leaked environmental report
- * BAA tries to claim that doubling current passenger capacity will have little or no impact
- * BAA's draft interim master plan slated for hiding the true scale of BAA's plans

August 2005

- * SSE reveals that cost of airport related housing blight now exceeds £600 million
- * Guidance on DfT Night Flying Restrictions consultation issued by SSE to 200+ councils
- * SSE analysis for air tourism report highlights £15bn balance of payments deficit in 2004
- * Briefing conducted by SSE for Shadow Aviation Minister, Julian Brazier MP
- * SSE writes to BAA on inadequate masterplan/increased capacity consultation
- * SSE participates in Countess of Warwick Show
- * SSE issues guidance to the community and MPs/councils on BAA plans for existing runway
- * Teddy Bears Picnic at the Gardens of Easton Lodge raises £750
- * SSE members William and Rob Chastell cycle 106 miles in ten hours to raise £350

September 2005

- * SSE responds formally to the Government's Night Flying Restrictions consultation
- * 200+ councils briefed by SSE on airport related health issues
- * SSE wins prize for best non-commercial float at Dunmow Carnival
- * Representatives from SSE make presence felt at Labour Party Conference
- * Launch of Community Calendar 2006 and Christmas cards
- * Tim Yeo MP and SSE speak at South Suffolk Air Traffic Action Group meeting
- * SSE makes written submissions to Panel examining draft East of England Plan
- * Stansted Quiz raises £800
- * Little Easton Auction of Promises raises £3350 for SSE

October 2005

- * Night flights rally in Westminster attracts dozens of MPs and 400+ people affected by airport operations at Stansted, Gatwick and Heathrow
- * SSE makes presentation to Uttlesford District Council's Stansted Airport Advisory Panel
- * MPs updated and Peers briefed by SSE on Civil Aviation Bill
- * Liberal Democrat Transport Spokesman, Tom Brake MP, briefed by SSE
- * Hertfordshire Wheelers organise three cycle rides highlighting expansion threat
- * Broxton Supper and Race Night raises £550

November 2005

- * SSE participates in the Examination in Public of the draft East of England Plan
- * SSE meeting with Department of Health officials responsible for public health planning
- * Quality of SSE briefing praised in the House of Lords during Civil Aviation Bill second reading
- * Sir Alan Haselhurst MP leads SSE meeting with Aviation Minister Karen Buck MP

December 2005

- * SSE again provides oral evidence at the draft East of England Plan Examination
- * City, industry and community unite to condemn BAA plans for the "runway that nobody wants"
- * High Court hears Takeley Parish Council's request for judicial review of BAA HOSS scheme
- * Burton End mobilises to address newly proposed land grab for BAA car parking
- * SSE website receives 150,000 different visitors and two million hits in 12 months.