

## Press Release - 8 April 2008

### SSE HELPS COMMUNITIES TO GET TO GRIPS WITH SECOND RUNWAY APPLICATION AT 40+ COMMUNITY MEETINGS

*\* \* \* See list at end of release for dates and locations \* \* \**

More than 40 community presentations have been lined up for the coming months by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) to help people get to grips with proposals for a second runway at Stansted and to explain how to lodge objections.

SSE has agreed to speak at parish and town council meetings across Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk as part of its drive to alert local communities to the threat posed by BAA's plans, with more dates being added all the time.

Development on the scale being proposed by BAA would have far-reaching effects across the region both during the four year construction phase - which would make Stansted the biggest building site in Europe - and when fully operational.

Each meeting will feature a speaker from the SSE team, including Chairman Peter Sanders and other members of SSE's executive committee. They will draw on the airport operator's recently submitted planning application to explain how, if it were approved, Stansted could become bigger than Heathrow today in terms of flights and passengers, plus an enormous landgrab that would entail destruction of homes, heritage, countryside and ancient woodland.

Advice will be given to those wanting to lodge their views on the plans before the cut off date of 26 June set by local planning authority, Uttlesford District Council. Thereafter, the application is expected to be the subject of a 'call in' for public inquiry next year and different rules for expressing views will apply.

Commenting on the programme, SSE Campaign Director Carol Barbone said: "Yet again we're faced with a planning application from BAA which tries to pretend that the development of Stansted would have virtually no impact on the environment or on people's quality of life. Our presentations will help reveal the true picture."

The SSE website contains the full list of meetings that have been planned and will be kept updated to reflect additional events as they are organized - see [Coming Events](#). Further information can also be obtained by calling the campaign office on 01279 870558 or emailing [info@stopstanstedexpansion.com](mailto:info@stopstanstedexpansion.com).

Information on accessing the planning application, with advice on how to respond, is also available on the [SSE website](#).

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS

The meetings at which SSE will speak are largely parish and town council meetings open to the public. Details of the programme as at 8 April 2008 appear below. [See website for more detail](#) including timings and venues.

10 April	Braughing Parish Council Annual Meeting
10 April	Weston Parish Council
14 April	Radwinter Parish Council
16 April	Birchanger Parish Council
17 April	Saffron Walden Town Council - Public Meeting on Airspace Proposals
23 April	Rushden and Wallington Parish Council
28 April	Helions Bumpstead Parish Council
1 May	Henham with Elsenham Parish Councils
1 May	Withersfield with Cowlinge, Great Wratting and Great Bradley Parish Councils
8 May	Hormead Parish Council
10 May	Ashen Parish Council (near Sudbury)
12 May	Epping Upland Parish Council
12 May	High Roding Parish Council Annual Assembly

12 May	Ashdon Parish Council
13 May	Great Canfield Parish Council
14 May	Hatfield Heath Annual Parish Meeting
15 May	Redbourn Parish Council
19 May	Little Bardfield Parish Council
20 May	Chrishall Parish Council
21 May	Sible Hedingham Public Meeting for c10 neighbouring parishes
21 May	Ickleton Parish Council
22 May	Chantry Community Association
2 June	Brickendon Parish Council
4 June	St Paul's Walden Parish Council
4 June	Saffron Walden Town Council
9 June	Sawbridgeworth Town Council
10 June	Woolmer Green Parish Council
12 June	Nazeing Parish Council
16 June	Hertford Town Council
18 June	Broomfield Parish Council
25 June	Sheering Parish Council
26 June	Great Easton (with Broxton) Parish Council
3 July	Widdington Parish Council
7 July	Stapleford Abbots Parish Council
8 July	Willingale Parish Council
17 July	Good Easter Parish Council
17 July	Stanstead Abbots Parish Council
31 July	Theydon Bois Parish Council
8 September	Barnston Parish Council