

# Department for **Transport**

Secretary of State requested to postpone Southend Airport visit after PM letter....

We have been passed a copy of an open email sent to the Secretary of State for Transport today to request that he does not visit Southend Airport until an unlawful instrument Procedure is revoked.

The Whistleblower has become exasperated that even after a letter from the Prime Minister the DfT have failed to act to enforce the CAA to comply with its own safety rules and protect innocent life at Southend Airport.

The Whistleblower has authorised us to release the following to our readers:

” Dear Minister,

I write to invite you in the Public Interest and the reputation of your Office to postpone a visit to Southend Airport on Monday. The Prime Minister has most wisely decided to not visit to open the new Terminal and I shall assume you are not actually aware of the detail of the background which you shall find below.

This document is released into the Public Domain for transparency and to clear my conscience if you fail to act and ultimately protect innocent persons from death. I am concerned despite the document attached from the Prime Minister your Office has not contacted me.

Please find the attached communication from myself to the Prime Minister of 1st January 2014 and his response to me of 16th January 2014. My communication clearly details many reasons that the Prime Minister was advised to consider to not visit at the Stobart “request” to open the new Terminal at Southend Airport.

I understand that you are seeking to open the new Terminal on Monday and I respectfully submit to you, that is simply not acceptable and invite you to postpone your visit at the very least.

I also attach the 2 relevant Exhibits provided to the Prime Minister ( just in case your Officers have not sent them to you for your personal attention). The Prime Minister you will note, assured me that your office would look at the grave issues and evidence I have provided. I have had no response from your office whatsoever.

Frankly I have been overly patient in this matter. I have explicitly detailed the grave dangers at Southend Airport, which in my professional aviation expert opinion, need immediately addressing, re the unlawful Runway 06 Instrument Procedure, which is in serious violation of CAP 168.

The CAA woefully disregarded their own CAP 168, despite a previous promise to me by their Counsel (Ms Alison Slater as evidenced in her email attached ) that the CAA would NOT permit any violations of CAP 168. It is simply not acceptable that, since that promise to me, no less than 14 “punctures” have been permitted, to what is supposed to be Protected Airspace for aircraft in poor visibility/ weather conditions in violation of CAP 168.

3 weeks ago Lord Ballyedmond, a Conservative Peer whom you may have personally known, was sadly killed along with 3 others in his helicopter in what I am confident shall be found to be a takeoff conducted in Instrument Conditions and the aircraft hitting an obstacle. That accident is akin to what is in my professional opinion, as a High Court held Aviation Expert myself, a statistical probability that at some point at Southend, an aircraft will come down on final approach or takeoff, using the unlawful Instrument Procedure of of Runway 06 at Southend Airport.

What is the point of the CAA having a CAP 168 and providing Protected Airspace to aircraft if they then violate their own Rules ? You have jurisdiction over the CAA - kindly instruct the CAA to immediately act within the Law for safety and because it has brought itself into disrepute as a competent safety agency in the UK.

If an Easyjet Airbus 319 for example comes down on Instrument Procedure 06 at Southend, it will probably kill up to 156 passengers on board, plus destroy many Southend residents houses, also probably killing their occupants. There have already been “scares”. Think ahead and think Lockerbie.

I am sorry to be so blunt but it is simply not acceptable that a Transport Minister of the UK can conduct a visit to an Airport to promote Aviation operations, that directly violate the CAA own CAP 168 Rules and will one day I predict and is statistically likely to cause fatalities.

My conscience is now clear - sorry to be blunt again but “do you feel lucky” gambling with innocent people’s lives ?

You are invited to cause your Officers at the DfT to immediately cause the CAA to revoke the unlawful Instrument Procedure 06 prior to any visit by a Transport Secretary to Southend Airport”

The Whistleblower believes he will not achieve his aim of improving safety at the Airport however the ball is now in the court of the Transport Secretary.

- [Apr 4th, 2014](#)