

This information is now out-dated as the consultation has been further extended to the 2nd July

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# Have your say on airport's de-icer going into stream

RESIDENTS, businesses and campaigners can have their say over plans to allow Southend Airport to discharge de-icer into nearby streams.

Stobart Air, which has invested £120million in the airport since taking over in 2008, has applied to the Environment Agency for an permit to discharge surface water run-off – which contains de-icer – from its runway and taxiway into Prittle Brook and Eastwood Brook, which lead to the River Roach.

Staff from the Environment Agency, which is responsible for protecting and enhancing the environment, will be available to discuss the proposals with people and explain their role in permitting and regulating this type of activity at the Rochford Hotel, in Bradley Way, Rochford, on Monday.

Mike Webley, team leader at the agency, said: "People's

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thoughts and concerns on the proposals will help in considering the outcome of the application."

Environment Agency staff will explain the details behind the permit application and how people can have their say in the consultation.

People can view the full application and make comments on it at the sessions, which run from 2pm to 7pm.

The agency has stressed it will not be able to talk about issues outside its remit such as airport expansion, noise and traffic.

The Environment Agency's role is to consider the environmental impacts of this run-off on the local watercourses and the surrounding environment.

An airport spokesman said: "Southend Airport has applied to the Environment Agency for a permit under the

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 after working in close consultation with the Agency over two years.

During that time the airport has been following an agreed plan to ensure that essential runway and taxiway de-icing safety operations in the winter months can be conducted without a negative impact to the local environment.

"Extensive ecological monitoring has taken place during this period, and the Environment Agency reports little or no impact on water courses and wildlife."

The consultation period on this permit application ends on Friday, June 20.

Comments on the permit application can be emailed to [psc-waterquality@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:psc-waterquality@environment-agency.gov.uk) or posted to Permitting and Support Centre – Water Quality Team, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, S9 4WF.