

Last year I wrote to you regarding London City Airport's Draft Master Plan, which set out our growth and development plans through to 2030. The Master Plan was developed in response to the Government's Aviation White Paper, 'The Future of Air Transport', which requires airport operators to outline their vision for growth up to 2030. Following widespread consultation the Master Plan was updated at the end of 2006 and republished as a Final Master Plan in November 2006.

Following on from this process, we will shortly be submitting a planning application to the London Borough of Newham to deliver the first stage of this growth – specifically allowing the Airport to handle more flights that would carry up to 3.9 million passengers per annum over the coming years – up from the current 2.5 million.

This passenger growth can be accommodated entirely within the current facilities and existing permissions, without the need for an additional runway or new terminal buildings and with no change to the airport's hours of operation.

We will, of course, continue to develop our substantial commitment to community relations and look forward to continuing our successful local recruitment policy to fill the additional 1000 jobs that will be generated if this application is granted.

If you require further information on this application, or indeed, the Airport in general, please do not hesitate to contact my team, whose details are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Gooding
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LONDON CITY AIRPORT PLANNING APPLICATION BRIEFING

This document acts as a briefing paper to key stakeholders, the media and the public on London City Airport's forthcoming planning application and its place in the overall growth plans of the Airport.

LONDON CITY AIRPORT – MASTER PLAN UPDATE

In early 2006 London City Airport published a Draft Master Plan that set out how it could grow and develop through to 2030 to meet Government aviation requirements outlined in the White Paper. This was consulted upon widely and republished as a Final Master Plan in November 2006.

As part of the Master Plan process, the Airport is submitting a planning application to the London Borough of Newham to deliver the first stage of this growth – specifically allowing the Airport to handle flights that carry up to 3.9 million passengers per annum over the coming years – up from the current 2.5 million.

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This briefing paper summarises the planning application as part of our ongoing wide ranging consultation.

About London City Airport

- Handled almost 2.5 million passengers in 2006.
- Grown significantly since it was opened in 1987, now has 12 airlines operating to 31 different UK and European destinations.
- Supports nearly 2,000 full time jobs and has been a key factor in the regeneration of the wider East London area.
- Specialises in providing efficient, time-saving travel to and from the financial and business centres of the City of London and Canary Wharf. The Airport remains a significant factor in supporting London's competitiveness.
- With the DLR open to the Airport and a location so close to the key business districts, a higher proportion of passengers (50%) access the Airport by rail than any other London area airport, so limiting environmental impact.

The Master Plan

- In 2003 the Government published an Aviation White Paper, 'The Future Air Transport', which required all major UK airports to set out "Master Plans" to grow up to 2030 to meet the forecasted increase in passenger demand. A Progress Report on this was published in December 2006 which reaffirmed these objectives.
- Both papers concluded that airports should maximise the use of existing runways and infrastructure to delay, reduce and in some cases eliminate the need to construct new runways.
- In response to this, London City Airport prepared a Master Plan for consultation in March 2006, updated in November 2006, which outlined the Airport's plans.
- This set out three main phases for development up to 2030;
 1. Developments to allow London City Airport to accommodate 3.5 mppa by 2015
 2. Developments to handle up to 6 mppa between 2015 and 2025
 3. Developments to handle up to 8 mppa by 2030.
- The current planning application deals only with the first phase of growth and responds to the faster demand for services at London City Airport.
- Longer-term aspects of the Airport's future growth will be the subject of future planning applications.

The Planning Application

- Currently London City Airport is limited in aircraft movements, assessed against a complex formula taking into account noise impact.
- Within existing permitted limits, the airport handled approximately 81,000 aircraft movements in 2006.
- The new planning application seeks an overall total of 120,000 aircraft movements per annum, to carry up to 3.9m passengers per year, with noise impacts still measured, assessed and mitigated.
- Although the 'noise contour' will marginally increase with increased movements, much of this falls over river or the docks, unused land. The Airport will continue to operate its sound insulation scheme which triggers at a lower level than at other UK airports.
- The Airport will maintain its maximum noise level per aircraft and does not require any changes to its hours of operation.
- The increase in passenger numbers is therefore achieved by flying a higher number of the larger aircraft that currently operate at London City Airport, with higher average loads than now.
- The application is accompanied by a detailed environmental impact assessment, focussing in particular on economic and social impacts, noise & air quality impacts, climate change, community relations and the sustainability agenda.
- Approval of the application would create c.1000 additional jobs by 2010 and lead to approximately £34 million being invested into the local economy.
- The availability of additional flights at London City Airport will allow airlines to expand their route network to destinations not currently served from the Airport.

More information about the Airport and the Master Plan is available at www.londoncityairport.com/masterplan. If you have any comments or questions, do not hesitate to email us at masterplan@londoncityairport.com or contact Janet Goulton, Long Term Strategy Manager at janet@lcy.co.uk.

The planning application will be available online at www.londoncityairport.com

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