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London City wants to double flight numbers

‘Master Plan’ released for consultation

London City Airport’s Master Plan, released on 28th June, proposes to double the number of flights allowed to use the airport each year from the current level of 75,000 to 151,000 by 2035. It also wants to get rid of the ban on flights between midday Saturday and midday Sunday and to increase the number of early morning and late evening flights.

The Master Plan is out for consultation until 20th September. If the airport then wants to proceed with any of the proposals, it will then need to make the case for them at a Public Inquiry.

The airport argues that the expansion is needed to cater for the forecast rise in demand. It says it will encourage the use of quieter and cleaner planes and believes these new aircraft could make up 75% of the fleet by 2035. It says that because of the quieter planes the number of people in the noise contours most affected by the aircraft would fall slightly by 2035.

Local communities, however, will be concerned about the huge increase in the number of planes proposed, including more planes in the early mornings and late evenings, the very times many people find aircraft most intrusive. We expect there will be anger as well at the proposed loss of the break between midday Saturday and midday Sunday. The consultation is very short on detail.

Key proposals at a glance

- Lift the current annual cap of 111,000 to 137,000 by 2030 and to 151,000 by 2035.
- Get rid of the ban on flights between 12.30pm Saturday and 12.30pm on Sunday.
- More flights early morning and late evening flights

Limited Consultation Events

There will be questions asked why London City is holding no consultation events in some of the most heavily-overflown boroughs like Waltham Forest, Redbridge and only one south of the river.

The only places where there are consultations

Broadwater Village Hall, 1C Goosanst Thamesmead, London SE28 0ER, 9th July, 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Canning Town Library, Rathbone Market, 18 Barking Rd, Canning Town, London E16 1EH, 10th July, from 4.30pm - 7.30pm

The City Centre, 80 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5AR, 11th September, from 12 noon - 7pm

Southern Grove Community Centre, Southern Grove, Mile End, London, E3 4FX, 12th September, from 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, Albert Rd, Royal Docks, London E16 2JB, 14th September, 10am - 4pm.

HACAN EAST may well stage its own public events. We will try to let you know about them. But keep checking our website: www.hacaneast.org.uk

Responding to the consultation

Remember you don't need to be an expert to respond to a consultation. Just let the airport know what you think in your own words.

- You can use an online form: <https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/consultation>
- or simply email your views to consultation@londoncityairport.com
- or write to 'FREEPOST LCY MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION'.

HACAN East will be producing a briefing on the consultation which you might find helpful when you respond. We hope to email to you over the next 2 weeks and put it on our website.

For full details of the consultation:

<https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/consultation>

The full consultation document:

https://assets.ctfassets.net/ggj4kbqgcch2/2mPk96XvzYbi3gJiSB6kbQ/8348be50e732fb0aa1daba2fb18b9516/p01-85_LCY_MP_Final_Reduced.pdf

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The Flight Paths Consultation

London City has also started to consult on its flight paths consultation. You'll recall that it has been asked again to look at its concentrated flight paths so that its flight paths tie in with the flight paths that are being changed at all airports in London and the South East. The main public consultation will not be until 2021 when we will be asked for our opinions flight path options. The current consultation, which closes on 25th August, is asking for views on how the flight paths should be designed – for example, should providing respite be the priority or is more important to keep the flight paths concentrated to overfly the smallest number of people. This part of the consultation is aimed at organizations, although individuals are free to respond. For more details:

https://assets.ctfassets.net/ggj4kbqgcch2/23HFuJX4ksPlsQwsaz07XF/2d309dfc57673a8d50e8e97dcb5013e2/Our_Future_Skies_-_Design_Principles.pdf

Keep telling London City what you think!

Once we have complained about the noise or the flight paths, it is tempting to sit back and think 'job done'. Of course if everybody does that, the complaints to the airport dry up. Here are the key details:

- **Email:** environment@londoncityairport.com
- **Write to:** London City Airport, City Aviation House, Royal Docks, London E16 2PB.
- **Call** 0207 646 0200

You can track the flight paths of City Airport planes on <https://travislcy.topsonic.aero/>

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