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CAMPAIGNERS APPLAUD MAYOR OF NEWHAM'S CALL ON LONDON CITY AIRPORT TO HALT ITS CONSULTATION ON EXPANSION

Campaigners have welcomed today's call by Newham Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz for London City to halt its consultation on expanding the airport until it provides more detail on how it plans to tackle noise and climate emissions.

In a letter **(1)** to City Airport chief executive Robert Sinclair the mayor called the consultation "fundmentally flawed."

John Stewart, the chair of HACAN East, which gives a voice to residents under the airport's flight paths, said, "**The significance of this move by the mayor cannot be overstated. Newham is the planning authority for the airport. This letter throws down the gauntlet to the airport to come up with a Master Plan that works for residents and for the climate.**"

The draft Master Plan is currently out for consultation. In it London City is proposing to almost doubling flights from their current level, doing away with the 24 weekend break, and bring in more flights in the early morning and late evening. The consultation closes on 20th September.

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Notes for Editors:

(1). Mayor's letter below.

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Mayor of Newham's letter to London City CEO

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/News/Mayor-of-Newham-calls-for-London-City-Airport-consultation-to-be-halted-in-open-letter-to-airport-chief-executive.aspx>