



London City Expansion

How it would impact the Borough of Bexley

(covering the constituencies of [Erith & Thamesmead](#) and [Old Bexley and Sidcup](#))

In its draft Master Plan London City proposed to:

- **Almost double the number of flights from their current level.** At present there are around 80,000 flights a year. There is an annual cap of 111,000. London City wants that lifted to 151,000.
- **Get rid of the 24 hour weekend break.** Currently no flights are permitted between 12.30pm on Saturday and 12.30pm on Sunday.
- **Bring in more early morning and late night flights.** But the night flight ban would remain.

Its final proposals will be revealed in its Master Plan expected to be published late 2019/early 2020.

The current situation

London City planes land over the south of borough during an east wind (about 30% of time in a typical year). But the south of borough can get both Heathrow and London City aircraft when the west wind is less than about 5 knots. **Belvedere** experiences both London City arrivals and departures.

London City does not produce a map but its aircraft can be tracked at <https://travisley.topsonic.aero/>

City aircraft land from the east over **Bexley, Sidcup**, Mottingham, Catford, Forest Hill before turning over Dulwich and Stockwell to cross the Thames north of the Oval.

In the future

London City is in the process of reviewing its flight paths. Options will go out to public consultation for revised flight paths in 2021. City is under pressure to introduce a system of rotating flight paths in order to give people a break from the noise. That is likely to be one of the options put out for consultation.

If London City's proposals for expansion go ahead:

- There will be a near-doubling of City aircraft over the borough
- There will be planes throughout the weekend
- There will be more planes in the early morning and late evening

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