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Dear Mr Collier

**London Assembly concerns about London City Airport's consultation on London Airspace Management Programme (LAMP)**

We are writing, on behalf of the London Assembly Transport and Environment Committees, to express our concern about the consultation on proposals to modernise London City Airport's flight paths to allow for the use of Area Navigation (RNAV).

We are very concerned that the proposed changes will result in a concentration of flight paths in certain areas of London but that London City Airport is not actively consulting the residents of these areas so they are made aware of the proposals, and can offer their views.

The Assembly has many times highlighted the adverse impact of aviation noise on Londoners who live under flight paths. This includes in the Transport Committee's report on airport capacity in London in May<sup>1</sup>, and in the Environment Committee's response to the Government's consultation on night flight regulation in April.<sup>2</sup> In light of our past work, we consider it vital that whenever there are proposals relating to flight paths, Londoners who may be affected are made aware of the proposals and their potential impact.

We consider that London City Airport's failure to consult local residents actively about the proposals is a major shortcoming in the consultation, and we urge you to address it. As the consultation runs until 27 November 2014, there should be sufficient time to contact residents in the areas affected through a leaflet drop and/or by holding public meetings. We suggest that London City Airport should now identify suitable means by which to consult the affected residents on the proposals and to undertake this further stakeholder engagement as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you on how you will improve the current consultation to ensure residents of the areas affected are fully informed and can have their say. In view of our concerns about the consultation process, we are also copying this letter to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Yours sincerely



**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**  
Chair of the Transport Committee



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/airport-capacity-in-london>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/response-to-the-government-s-consultation-on-night-flights-at>