

## **FOI request to the Greater London Authority submitted on 31 August 2016**

**#4500**

### City Airport Expansion

*With reference to the FOI Act.*

*We would request the following information: 1, Can you confirm that an impact assessment report for local areas will be implemented for review highlighting:*

*a, Total increase in flights over the London Borough of Havering*

*b, Operational windows over the London Borough of Havering*

*2, Assurance strategy for compliance to current noise and environmental requirements.*

*If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.*

## **The Greater London Authority's response sent 21 September 2016**

Thank you for your request for information on London City Airport which the GLA received on the 31 August 2016. Your request relates to environmental information and as such has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

You asked:

***1. Can you confirm that an impact assessment report for local areas will be implemented for review highlighting:***

***a) Total increase in flights over the London Borough of Havering.***

***b) Operational windows over the London Borough of Havering.***

***2. Assurance strategy for compliance to current noise and environmental requirements.***

I am not sure how to interpret parts of your request - in particular 'impact assessment', 'local areas', 'implemented for review', 'operational windows over the London Borough of Havering'; and 'assurance strategy for compliance to current noise and environmental requirements'.

Regulation 9(1) of the EIRs however requires the GLA to seek clarification where a request is unclear, and I thought it would therefore be helpful if I outline my current interpretation and offer the following background, which if it does not address your request, may make it easier for you to refine your request by reply of email.

***Can you confirm that an impact assessment report for local areas will be implemented for review highlighting: a) Total increase in flights over the London Borough of Havering.***

I am not sure if by "impact assessment report for local areas" you are asking if findings of a previously completed assessment will be implemented, or if a new assessment will be carried out.

I am not aware of any plans by the airport, the GLA or Newham Council to undertake any new assessments and therefore assuming the former, I can advise that the GLA does hold a number of reports prepared by London City Airport to support its planning application. These are already in the public domain and published by the London Borough of Newham

at: <https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=MPRZM4JY06V00>.

Further assessment reports are available here: <http://lcy-appeal.persona-pi.com/inquiry-documents>.

These reports were considered and taken into account by the Secretaries of State for Local Government and Transport when they granted planning permission for the expansion earlier this year. This permission incorporates a range of conditions which include measures aimed at reducing the impact of the development on local residents. This permission and its associated controls can be viewed

here: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3035673>

The GLA does not hold information about additional potential flight movements on a borough basis, though the total number of flights to and from the airport as a result of this expansion would rise from around 78,000 flights a year at the moment to a maximum of 111,000 flights a year in 2025.

Further information on London City Airport's flight routing is available on the Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) website: (<http://www.caa.co.uk/News/Major-airspace-changes-approved-by-the-CAA-making-airline-flights-more-efficient/>), and a helpful video about these matters is available here: <https://vimeo.com/146747219>. Further relevant information may also be available through CAA's FOI

page: <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>

***Can you confirm that an impact assessment report for local areas will be implemented for review highlighting: b) Operational windows over the London Borough of Havering***

If by this you mean what time flights operate over Havering, I can again advise that the GLA does not hold this information. London City Airport's online webpage for Arrival and Departure flight

information: <https://www.londoncityairport.com/travelandbooking/arrivalsanddepartures> however shows first arrival and last departures, though this is for all flights to and from the airport, which may or may not be routed over Havering.

You may also be interested to note that Newham's original decision

(<https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/News/Newham-Council-grants-permission-for-London-City-Airport-expansion-plan.aspx>) envisaged that only six flights would be permitted between

6.30-6.59am Monday to Saturday, and that only two of these would take place between 6.30-6.45am, but again these may or may not fly over Havering, and  
NATS: <http://www.nats.aero/contact/> may be able to provide you with details of flights over Havering.

***2) Assurance strategy for compliance to current noise and environmental requirements.***

If you mean what process will be used to check whether the airport is meeting its environmental conditions, I must advise again that the GLA does not hold this information, as it falls to the London Borough of Newham to assess compliance and this responsibility currently falls to the Council's Airport Monitoring Officer and it may be helpful if you address any specific inquiries to the current Officer ([david.whitaker@newham.gov.uk](mailto:david.whitaker@newham.gov.uk)).

The Council's website: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/News/Newham-Council-grants-permission-for-London-City-Airport-expansion-plan.aspx> may also help your understanding of these matters.

I hope I have correctly interpreted your request and you are content that each point as been responded to. If however any matters remain unanswered or incorrectly interpreted, then please do contact me in case GLA Officers can offer further assistance.