

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Meeting **London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**

Date **Wednesday 19 November 2014**

Time **10.00 am**

Place **Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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In accordance with section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman has agreed to accept the item set out below as urgent business in order to allow representations regarding the consultation process for the London Airspace Management Programme to be made as soon as possible, noting that the consultation closes on 27 November 2014 and that the next London Assembly (Plenary) meeting after this meeting does not take place until 9 December 2014.

Roger Evans AM
Chairman of the London Assembly

Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Deputy Chair
Tuesday 11 November 2014

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7 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent

7(a) Proposed Correspondence in relation to London City Airport's Consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme (Pages 1 - 8)

Report of the Executive Director of Secretariat
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The Assembly is recommended to agree the letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority, attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, setting out concerns about London City Airport's consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme.

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Subject: Proposed Correspondence in relation to London City Airport's Consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme

Report to: London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 19 November 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the Assembly's agreement to letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority setting out concerns about London City Airport's consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly agrees the letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority, attached at Appendices 1 and 2, setting out concerns about London City Airport's consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme.**

3. Background

- 3.1 London City Airport has launched a consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme. The consultation relates to changes to arrival and departure routes up to around 4,000 feet, arising from likely legislation governing the use of satellite navigation and ground-based technology. The closing date for the consultation is 27 November 2014.¹
- 3.2 The stakeholders which have been included in the consultation are members of the Airport Consultative Committee (including local authorities and community representatives), airlines and members of the National Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee. The full list of consultees has been published by London City Airport in the appendices to the consultation.²

¹ <http://www.londoncityairport.com/content/pdf/LCY-LAMP-Consultation-Document.pdf>

² <http://www.londoncityairport.com/content/pdf/LCY-LAMP-Consultation-Document-Appendices.pdf>

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Assembly's Environment and Transport Committees have previously submitted to London City Airport a joint response to the London Airspace Management Programme consultation, attached at **Appendix 3**, which expressed concern about the potential concentration of flight paths and the adverse impact of aviation noise, and additionally urged the London City Airport to address shortcomings in the consultation process and undertake further stakeholder engagement.
- 4.2 Further to feedback received at the GLA's People's Question Time in Walthamstow on 11 November 2014, which indicated a continued lack of awareness of the proposals amongst local residents who will be affected, it is now proposed to write to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority to call on them to ensure that the consultation is re-run, making certain that the people who will be affected are fully involved.
- 4.3 The proposed letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority are attached at **Appendices 1 and 2** respectively for the Assembly's consideration and approval.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1: Draft letter to the Secretary of State for Transport

Appendix 2: Draft letter to the Civil Aviation Authority

Appendix 3: The Assembly's Environment and Transport Committees' joint response to the consultation on London City Airport London Airspace Management Programme

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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Appendix 1

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The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP

Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
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Dear Secretary of State

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

I write to you to express the London Assembly's concerns about the current consultation on the change of flight paths for aircraft using London City Airport. Recent meetings with local residents and feedback from the GLA's well attended People's Question Time in Walthamstow on 11th November indicate a worrying lack of awareness of these plans amongst local residents who will be affected.

The effect of the proposed changes will be to concentrate flights in tighter routes leading to an increase in over flying and noise pollution in some areas. The people who live under these flight paths should be made aware of the proposed changes and should be able to contribute to the debate.

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The London Assembly's Environment and Transport Committees have previously written a joint letter to London City Airport in response to the consultation which expressed concern about the potential concentration of flight paths and the adverse impact of aviation noise, and additionally urged the London City Airport to address shortcomings in the consultation process and undertake further stakeholder engagement.

However, given the feedback at People's Question Time it seems apparent that there remains a failure actively to consult local residents and there is understandable concern that residents will not have the opportunity to be heard.

Accordingly, the London Assembly is now calling on you to ensure that the consultation is re-run, making certain that the people who will be affected are fully involved.

I have written in similar terms to the Chair of the Civil Aviation Authority.

Yours sincerely

Roger Evans AM

Chairman of the London Assembly

cc Chief Executive Officer, London City Airport



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9 October 2014

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 May¹, and in the Environment Committee's response to the Government's consultation on night flight regulation in April.² 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.

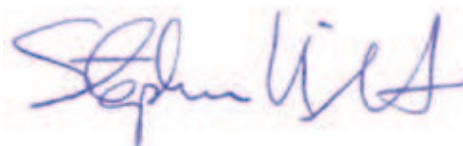
We consider that London City Airport's failure to consult local residents actively about the proposals is a major shortcoming in the consultation, and we urge you to address it. As the consultation runs until 27 November 2014, there should be sufficient time to contact residents in the areas affected 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



Stephen Knight AM
Chair of the Environment Committee

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

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

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