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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.

Yet many residents are currently unaware because the very technical consultation documents are only available online and via the airport's consultative committee. Local Authorities, MPs, councillors and London Assembly Members in the affected areas have not been informed nor have local residents. The Airport has not held public meetings or provided any literature about these changes.

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

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Chairman of the London Assembly

cc Chief Executive Officer, London City Airport