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LONDON CITY - DOUBLED UP FOR THE NEXT DECADE!

"IT'S A GREAT STEP FORWARD for us", said Richard Gooding, London City Airport's Managing Director, on hearing the unanimous decision of Newham Council's planing committee to approve the airport's application to double the number of flights a year.

The Council's decision sets the seal on its previous recommendation to go ahead made last autumn to the now disbanded London Docklands Development Corporation. In the interim, the application has been scrutinised by John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions.

"What this means for the airport is that we can now begin to utilize our present physical capacity to best advantage," adds Richard Gooding. "We have been operating up to our current limit on the number of flights for some months now, and there is business waiting in the wings that we can now take on. It means we can eventually accept up to 73,000 flights a year – although that is some years away; that does not involve us in operating longer hours, a second runway or a new terminal and we certainly won't be handling noisier aircraft.

"What this planning permission does mean for Newham and our other neighbours as we grow to the new limit over the next decade is a lot more jobs, improvements to public transport and a great boost to the local economy."

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A Section 106 agreement - the legal agreement within which the airport will be required to operate - has been formalised and will be signed within a few days. This includes provision for further sound insulation programmes, as the airport grows support for public transport, local road and landscaping improvements and an education and skills programme to ensure that as many local people as possible can access the new jobs over the next 10 years.

Operating hours will be reduced next year at weekends, giving a full 24-hour quiet period, and additional noise and environmental monitoring will be introduced.

The Leader of Newham Council, Cllr. Robin Wales, said: "We welcome the airport's plans for expansion and believe that this proposal will have a positive impact on Newham, making a significant contribution to its on-going regeneration.

"Providing more jobs and training for local people can only be good news for the borough, resulting in greater prosperity. However, we also recognise the concerns expressed by some local residents and will continue to do all we can to ensure that the quality of their lives is not adversely affected."

Richard Gooding concluded: "We now have a secure framework within which to develop in harmony and partnership with local communities and councils, airlines, passengers and employees. This is good news for them all."

Editor's Note: A summary fact sheet of the application is attached.

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**Editor's note: LONDON CITY AIRPORT'S APPLICATION
SUMMARY FACT SHEET**

London City Airport: Air Transport Movements.

1998 – per day	Previous Total	New Maximum
Monday-Friday	130	240
Saturday	40*	140**
Sunday	80*	140**
Annual Total	36,500	73,000

* no more than 140 on any consecutive Saturday and Sunday

** no more than 220 on any consecutive Saturday and Sunday

London City Airport: destinations and airlines (at 4 June 1998).

There are currently 10 airlines operating from London City Airport to 20 European cities:

- Amsterdam • KLM uk
- Berne • Air Engiadina
- Dublin • CityJet
- Edinburgh • KLM uk
- Geneva • Crossair
- Lugano • Crossair
- Manchester • KML uk
- Paris • Air France
- Stockholm • Malmö Aviation
- Turin • Alitalia
- Antwerp • Sabena•VLM
- Brussels • Sabena
- Düsseldorf • VLM
- Frankfurt • Lufthansa
- Gothenburg • Malmö Aviation
- Malmö • Malmö Aviation
- Milan • Alitalia
- Rotterdam • KLM uk •VLM
- Strasbourg • Air France
- Zurich • Crossair

London Executive Aviation (executive charter)

London City Airport: facts and figures.

Total passengers 1996: 727,601.

Total passengers 1997: 1,165,318

80% of passengers travel on business.

10% of passengers earn over £100,000, a further 20% earn £50,000 to £100,000.

Total employment generated by current status: 1,200

Anticipated additional employment generated if expansion plans approved:

2,000 on site, plus 1,000 indirectly.

London City Airport: environmental concerns.

The airport is already the most tightly controlled in the UK. It has already proved itself a good neighbour and will continue to ensure that noise from airborne aircraft is kept to acceptable levels. Ongoing commitment to a programme of soundproofing for local educational establishments and residents.