

# LONDON CITY AIRPORT

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## *News Release*

### **DIRECT DLR LINK INTO LONDON CITY**

A new, railway linking London City Airport directly to the centre of London moved an important step closer today.

Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, today announced his approval of the submission under the Transport & Works Act for the extension of the Docklands Light Railways from Canning Town to London City Airport and North Woolwich.

Richard Gooding, Managing Director of London City Airport said, "We are delighted with the news. Once completed, the extension will bring a new reliable surface access opportunity for airline passengers, airport visitors and our staff, enabling them to get to the airport from Bank in about 20 minutes and from Canary Wharf within 14 minutes. This puts the airport firmly on the public transport map, helping to reduce car journeys by an estimated half a million a year. We will continue to work closely with Transport for London and DLR to help ensure this excellent project is delivered speedily and with minimum disruption."

He added, "At London City Airport the station will have two entrances, one will lead directly into the airport terminal and the second entrance will be located on Drew Road, to serve the local community. The station will be designed, where possible to integrate with the existing style of the terminal as well as connecting with local bus services."

Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London said, "This Docklands Light Railway extension is a key element in the regeneration of East London. The area this extension and its four stations will serve represents one of the largest opportunities for urban renewal anywhere in the world. The extension will provide part of the transport infrastructure necessary for us to take advantage of those opportunities. The improved access to City Airport will also enhance London's position in the international business world."

Funding for the extension will be provided from a mix of sources; the Government has already provided £30million from the capital Modernisation Fund towards the capital cost of the project; Docklands Light railway, through the London Borough of Newham will be securing Section 106 grants from developers and beneficiaries of the scheme. A section 106 arrangement with London City Airport to provide funding support is already in place.

"Construction should now start later this year and if everything goes to plan the new extension should be in service by 2005." concludes Richard.

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**Notes for editor:**

A high quality map of the new DLR extension is available by e-mailing [linda@lcy.co.uk](mailto:linda@lcy.co.uk).

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