

LONDON CITY AIRPORT

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News Release

LONDON CITY AIRPORT AWARDED PLANNING PERMISSION TO BUILD THEIR VISION OF THE FUTURE

London City Airport is pleased to announce that they have been granted planning permission by the London Borough of Newham to increase the number of aircraft parking stands and runway capacity.

Richard Gooding, Managing Director of London City Airport said, "In 1998 we obtained planning approval to increase the number of aircraft movements from 36,500 to 73,000. At this time we expected that new changes would be needed to the airport infrastructure, but were unsure of the exact nature of this. Since then we have carried out a number of projects - expanding the terminal, car parks and building more offices. We now need to expand the aircraft parking apron and runway capacity to meet current market needs. Without this we would not be able to handle the 73,000 movements we are allowed."

Gooding added, "Our location, although key to the success of the airport, is very restricting and there is little room to expand. As a result we have put forward a scheme to build five new aircraft stands and a hold point at the east end of the existing runway."

"This development will improve the capacity of the airport to cope with aircraft schedules, and at the same time reduce the level of noise from aircraft on the ground and from aircraft over flying the airport."

London City Airport have appointed WS Atkins, consultant engineers to work with them on the design of the stands and hold point. Bob Haywood, Divisional Director for WS Atkins said, "We are delighted to have joined the team at London City Airport and that we are going to be part of their development programme. London City is already recognized as one of Europe's fastest growing airports for business travel and with additional five stands and increased runway capacity it creates a great opportunity for the airport to operate at its maximum capacity."

"With the design work already underway, we are planning to issue tenders to contractors in the New Year."

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