

Address:
London City Airport
Hartmann Road
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London
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Proposal:

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary conditions 13 and 15 of the outline planning permission no.N/82/104 dated 23 May 1985, as previously varied by the Secretary of State on the 26 September 1991 and by the London Borough of Newham on 21 July 1998 and 11 July 2007, to allow up to 120,000 total aircraft movements per annum (number of total movements in 2006 was 79,616) with related modifications to other limits including noise factored movements.

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Comments:

Campaign for Better Transport objects to the application to vary the conditions attached to the planning permission for London City Airport, allowing an increase from approximately 80,000 to 120,000 aircraft movements a year.

We object to the application on the grounds that, if granted, it would result in increased noise and air pollution which would particularly affect the residential community that lives within close proximity of the airport.

We also object because an increase in aircraft movements will result in a growth of carbon emissions. The aviation industry, including that based at London City Airport, has to be brought within the UK and London's carbon reduction strategies if overall targets for reductions in carbon emissions are to be met. We note that many if not most of the flights from London City Airport are short-haul and therefore number amongst the significant proportion of flights which could be replaced by rail travel.

Finally the Campaign for Better Transport is concerned that an expansion in activity at London City Airport can only be harmful to quality of life in Newham. If Newham is to realise its full potential as a location for new residential and commercial development it must be able to provide a quality of life that compares favourably or is better than that available elsewhere. That is not consistent with a large expansion of aviation activity right in the middle of the borough.

Campaign for Better Transport urges the London Borough of Newham to reject this application.