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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: LONDON CITY AIRPORT EXPANSION PUBLIC INQUIRY

The London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) strongly opposes any expansion of City Airport and supports London Borough of Newham's (LBN) decision to refuse planning permission.

LBL have previously provided detailed comments in objection to LBN. These comments are provided as an Appendix to this letter.

This letter is fully supported by Cllr Louise Krupski the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Action and the Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Southwark, Greenwich, Havering and Hackney.

Our main issues that we wish the Inspector to consider are:

Loss of respite

An extra 6 – 7 hours flying on Saturdays at present no flights are permitted between 12.30pm on Saturdays and 12.30pm on Sundays. The proposal seeks to allow flights on Saturday to end at 6.30pm (7.30pm in summer).

The extension of operational hours would remove a significant period of respite from noise enjoyed by residents throughout those Boroughs affected.



Extra early morning flights

An extra three flights are sought during the first hour of operation, from 6.30 – 7am

The additional night time movements proposed exacerbate concerns around respite.

Composition of aviation movements for the relaxed hours sought

It is unclear from the proposals the composition of the aviation movements i.e. will the number of business jet movements increase within the relaxed hours? It is also unclear why the proposals would serve as a catalyst for introduction of new generation aircraft which would in any event be undertaken over the passage of time.

Insufficient mitigation

Other than the nebulous move towards less polluting aircraft with respect to noise and air emissions the current Noise Monitoring Track Keeping does not include for locating the mobile monitoring unit in Boroughs not directly adjacent to the airport. Thus, in general the terms of the Newham Local Plan extant (T(8) para 10.8.4 and 10.8.5) will not be met. The absence of an independent noise regulator remains unhelpful.

Additional flexibility sought for delayed departures

It is unclear why a significant increase in the 400 cap currently imposed for delayed arrivals and departures is sought. No evidence has been provided within the consultation document how the previous cap has been used or why there is a need for an extension given the cap should only be used in exceptional circumstances not as part of the general airport operation.

Psychoacoustical impact

With growing concern within the literature around the reliance of sole reliance of noise metrics to consider changes in aviation movements the submission remains silent upon the psychoacoustical of residents affected by the proposals.



Yours sincerely,

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