

## Consultation response

1. The draft master plan proposals outlined in section 4 prioritise making best use of our existing runway in accordance with Government policy. Do you agree that we have sought to do this in the most appropriate way?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Do you have any suggestions about how the existing infrastructure could be better utilised or what additional facilities should be provided?

Increasing use of the existing runway is not mandated by government policy and will lead to increased disruption from overflight and increased environmental impact. Southwark Council opposes this expansion in operations.

2. Do you agree that growth over the master plan period should only be accommodated within the existing aircraft noise contour limit and that the airport should seek to reduce the area of the contour over time by adapting infrastructure to accommodate more quieter, cleaner, new generation aircraft?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

3. Do you support our aspirations in section 4 to further increase employment at the airport, especially for local residents, and invest more in local business and community initiatives?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

Do you have any other suggestions on how we could support more local jobs?

Whilst Southwark Council would support employment and investment in the local area, this should not come at the cost of increased environmental impact. The external costs of expanded operations should be given much more weight when considering the benefits of expansion.

4. Subject to addressing environmental issues, would you support the principle of more flexibility on the number of flights during the first and last half-hours of operations during weekdays if it was important to meet passenger demand, improve connections and help accelerate investment in more quieter, cleaner, new generation aircraft? This would not affect our commitment to an 8-hour night-time curfew on all flights.

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

5. Subject to addressing environmental issues, would you support the principle of more flexible flight times at the weekend if it was important to meet passenger demand, improve

connections and help accelerate investment in more quieter, cleaner, new generation aircraft?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve these plans?

Southwark Council is very concerned by the proposal to allow 'more flexibility on the number of flights' in the early morning period 06.30-07.00, between 22.00-22.30 and during the weekend 24 hour closure. These are by far the most sensitive times and any proposal to increase intensity of use during these times is unacceptable. There should be less flexibility, not more. It is incorrect to imply a link between 'accelerating investment in more quieter, cleaner, new generation aircraft' and removing restrictions on aircraft movements which were implemented for good community protection reasons. The impact of more flights on climate change and the carbon economy has not been adequately considered.

6. Do you support the measures in sections 4 and 5 to manage and mitigate environmental issues over the duration of the master plan (e.g. noise, air quality, emissions, transport)?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

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This question is misleading as it fails to acknowledge that expanded operations increase the environmental impact of the airport. Whilst mitigation may reduce this by comparison to a 'do-nothing' scenario, expansion in the number of flights robs local residents of gains that could otherwise have been achieved if flight numbers were not increased. Use of a noise contour limit does not account for the additional annoyance from aircraft noise that is known to occur as the number of aircraft movements increase. As such Southwark Council would favour using an additional limit based on a metric such as N60 to further protect local residents from aviation noise impacts. The masterplan is silent on the cumulative impacts of aviation noise from residents overflowed by flightpaths to Heathrow and London City Airports. Much more consideration should be given to minimising and avoiding the cumulative impacts of multiple flight paths from all relevant airports.

The climate impact of aviation is highly inequitable with 70% of all flights being taken by 15% of the population. It is weighted heavily towards those with the greatest income and wealth and with half the population taking no flights in any given year. London City Airport has a high proportion of flights to and from near destinations in Northern and Western Europe, the majority of which can be easily reached by alternative means such as international rail services. Southwark Council has recently declared a Climate Emergency. Whilst the commitments relating to the carbon neutrality of the airport and its target of 'net zero' by 2050 are welcomed, these do not address emissions from increased international aviation. Airport expansion is fundamentally inconsistent with efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

The focus must now be on measures that immediately reduce the demand for aviation and reduce the environmental impact of the aviation sector in a sustainable and more equitable way. Expanding operations has the opposite effect by encouraging and increasing demand. Thus Southwark Council strongly objects to these plans and proposals.

7. Overall, do you support our plans and measures to increase passenger and staff travel to and from the airport by public transport and sustainable means?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve local transport infrastructure and encourage more travel by public transport and sustainable means?

8. Overall, do you support the plans outlined in the draft master plan?

- Yes, I support the plans
- Yes, but I've got certain concerns
- No, I don't support the plans
- I don't have a view
- I don't know

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9. Do you have any further comments on our draft master plan?

Southwark Council is disappointed to note that no consultation event took place in Southwark, despite Southwark being regularly overflowed and closely affected by operations at City Airport.

10. Please tell us how you found out about this consultation:

- Newspaper advert
- Town hall/Library
- Online advert
- Social media
- Engagement event
- London City Airport's website
- Other

If other, please specify:

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