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Dear Mr McFadden,

KLM Cityhopper supports the above planning application by London City Airport (LCY).

KLM Cityhopper has operated from LCY since 2017 and we enjoy a strong working relationship with the airport. LCY's core catchment area is a very important market for KLM providing strong point to point services between London and Amsterdam and global connections through our Amsterdam Schiphol hub, benefitting residents and businesses in East London in particular.

Since international travel restarted after the COVID19-crisis, we have seen strong and growing demand for air connectivity from both business and leisure travellers. As we continue to recover from the pandemic, it is critical that we plan now for the future. For KLM Cityhopper to be successful at LCY, it is vital that there is more flexibility in the time that aircraft can arrive and depart the airport, particularly by giving passengers more choice and flexibility including the ability to travel on Saturday afternoons. Furthermore, allowing additional movements in the first 30 minutes of operations will allow KLM Cityhopper to provide critical global connectivity via KLM's hub, connecting to KLM's first wave out of the day at Schiphol. This has been fundamental to our success in serving the UK market over many years.

We also recognise the key role the airport plays in supporting its communities through investment, jobs and growing global connectivity.

KLM is a global leader in sustainable aviation and we have invested in a fleet of new generation Embraer E195-E2 aircraft to serve routes such as London City. We welcome the commitment from the airport that only these cleaner, quieter aircraft will be able to take advantage of the extended operating periods. This commitment will strengthen and bring forward our ability to further invest and deploy these new generation aircraft on this core route through increased aircraft utilisation.

Yours sincerely,



Maarten Koopmans
Managing Director
KLM Cityhopper