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Sent: 12 February 2023 15:42
To: Member Enquiries Work Tray
Subject: Fwd: Comments on City Airport's requested changes to planning permissions

Dear Members Enquire

Please see email below and accept as a case work from me.

I intend to make representations opposing the proposal to increase flights and extra weekend working. Please note an advise.

Regards
Cllr McAlmont

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 12:31:20 PM
To: Ann Easter (Councillor) <Ann.Easter@newham.gov.uk>; Anthony McAlmont (Councillor) <Anthony.McAlmont@newham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments on City Airport's requested changes to planning permissions

Dear Councillors,

As I am sure you are aware, London City Airport has made an application to Newham Council to amend its planning permission. As a Newham resident living in close proximity to London City Airport, **I am writing to express my concern for this recent proposal**, especially regarding the suggestion to increase the weekend hours of operation and increase the number of flights in the first and last half hours of operation. **I am therefore writing to request that you oppose these changes, and would also request that you add your comments on behalf of our constituency to oppose the changes.** As far as I can see, local councillors can add their comments just like everyone else, in the comments section of the application, which can be found here: <https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RNYU92JY5NA00>

I would like to highlight several aspects mentioned in the proposal that are of concern to me:

1. first of all, the increased noise level is a major concern. With the current airport operating schedule, there is already significant noise pollution in the airport's vicinity, so we would be even further affected by the increase in flights.
2. the level of increased air pollution is another concern that I feel is not properly addressed in the proposal. I feel the promise of net zero carbon neutrality is not a good enough promise for local residents. Carbon neutrality simply means removing carbon emissions from one source to balance out emissions from another. So this proposal does not actually guarantee that the increase in planes will not mean an increase in pollution specifically from planes. It simply means carbon emissions will be reduced from another source. I feel the current operation hours and passenger limits should not be modified until the airport is ready to fly zero emissions flights.
3. the airport suggests that the changes to its operating hours would help accelerate airlines' plans to invest in quieter, cleaner aircrafts. However, there is no evidence anywhere in the report as to how this would happen, and also no commitment or guarantee from airlines that funds would be allocated for this investment. Therefore, I find this suggestion on your organisation's part to be unfounded.
4. the airport also suggests that it would invest in the local community, but I feel it fails to specify how exactly it will do this and how residents will benefit from this investment. City Airport employs just over 2,000 people, but its flights are affecting over 400,000 residents. Moreover, the population of Newham is projected to grow by 31% by 2035. Therefore, the difference between people who could stand to directly benefit from an increase in flights and residents who are detrimentally affected by this increase is significant, and will increase even further in the future. I must also add that due to the high fares of LCY's flights and due to the fact that low-cost airlines cannot fly their aircrafts from City Airport, many local residents actually never benefit themselves from the proximity to the airport.

I would appreciate a reply from your end confirming receipt and acknowledging my concerns.

Kind regards,

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