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DOCKLANDS STOLPORT

The London Docklands Development Corporation has decided to support the planning application by John Mowlem plc for a short-take-off-and-landing airport (STOLport) in the Royal Docks, Newham, subject to a special legal agreement designed to prevent its use by helicopters and to limit aircraft types to those with noise and performance levels similar to the Canadian Dash 7. The limitation of the runway to 2,500 feet itself ensures that it would be too short for the general run of planes now in service. No late night flying would be allowed.

A planning inquiry is scheduled to begin on June 8 and the final decision on whether or not the STOLport can be built rests with the Secretary of State for the Environment. The LDDC will appear before the inquiry to explain the reasons for its decision to support the STOLport.

"We believe that this proposal provides the sort and scale of catalyst needed to change the attitude towards development in the immense area of the Royals," Reg Ward, the LDDC's chief executive, said today. "For too long this part of Newham has suffered from dereliction, decay and decline. The STOLport could inject new hope and opportunity and it only involves 90 of the 700 acres available.

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Chairman Nigel Brookes  
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"The proposal also has a lot of local support. Two different opinion polls, the last sponsored by the borough and published only last week, have shown that about twice as many local people support STOLport as oppose it."

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