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SECRETARY OF STATE TO REVIEW PLANS TO INCREASE FLIGHTS FROM LONDON CITY AIRPORT

The London Docklands Development Corporation's (LDDC) Planning Committee, having considered all the submissions and representations received, is minded to approve a planning application to increase flights from London City Airport from 36,500 to 73,000 per year, subject to a new Section 106 Agreement.

The application will now be referred to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions under an Article 14 Direction (under the Town and Country Planning General Development Procedure Order 1995) which has been placed on the application. The Secretary of State will review the application and decide whether he should determine it himself.

If approved London City Airport's application would allow an increase in the permitted number of Air Transport Movements (ATM's) from 36,500 to 73,000 per year but with a 24 hour flight free day between Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes. The maximum number of ATM's on weekdays would increase from 130 to 240; at weekends from 40 to 120 a day, but with no more than 220 in any one weekend, and would increase on Bank and Public Holidays, but to lower levels than ordinary weekdays.

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The new Section 106 Agreement would carry forward current controls on noise and provisions for noise insulation. It would also provide for an extension of the noise insulations scheme, new noise monitors and management, ground running schemes, measures to improve road access and public transport, air quality monitoring and employment and training initiatives to ensure that local people benefit from new jobs created by the Airport.

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