

Meeting date 11 June 2024

Meeting Agenda

Time 10.30am

Issue date 26 June 2024

Venue City Aviation House

Attendees Oliver Drasar - TfL
Duncan Ayles – Newham Council
Andrew Dickinson - DLR
Caroline Chinchin - Lendlease
John Turner and Henrietta Atkinson - Ballymore
Jamie Reed - Excel
Chris Abel – Tate & Lyle
Theca Meija – local resident
Stuart Pick – Royal Docks, London Chamber
Steve Allen, Tim Smith, Lisa Martin - London City Airport

Circulation Attendees plus:
Richard Wadey – LB Newham
Patsy Ryan – BA Cityflyer
Phil Tweddle – Canary Wharf Group
Pedros Mendes – Marriott
Lucy Craven, James Bell – London City Airport

Airport Transport Forum Meeting Minutes

Item			Who
1	Introductions	Introductions were made and apologies noted from Richard Wadey and Phil Tweddle.	
2	Airport Updates	See slides attached to email for additional detail. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passenger volumes for 2023 were 3.4 million representing 67% of 2019 volumes and 14% growth vs 2022. Passenger split in 2023 was 53% leisure and 47% business.• Planning application to increase the current permitted passengers of 6.5mppa to 9mppa; this includes proposals to extend operation of the airport on Saturday afternoons (currently closed midday Saturday to midday Sunday) which will allow airlines to better service the leisure demand at the weekend. Application was refused by LB Newham in the summer; LCY appealed, and the inquiry concluded at the end of January. The Inspector has passed their report to the SoS, but the general election means a decision is pending a new Government.	
	Surface Access Update	See slides for additional detail. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passenger mode share in 2023 was 69% arriving by sustainable transport modes; DLR use was 55%, and bus use 1%. The target is 75% by 2025, and the airport’s focus is on making public transport more attractive (including earlier running, better north/ south connectivity) and reducing the number of passengers using minicabs and Ubers.• Passenger mode share in Q1 2024; sustainable transport use increased to 79% (from 72% in Q1 2023). Q1 typically has a higher	

		<p>sustainable transport mode share than other quarters and this will be monitored through the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual staff travel survey results (November 2023) showed an encouraging reduction in staff driving alone to work from 57% in 2022 to 53% in 2023. The target is 48% by 2025. 	
3	Update from Forum Members	<p>TfL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements will be made to the interchange at Stratford – providing better signage to LCY including on the Elizabeth Line trains. Likely to come forward in September. Canning Town wayfinding improvements – OD will find out what the proposed improvements and status is from other colleagues in TfL. <p>DLR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The refranchising process for DLR is ongoing; the bidding has concluded, and TfL is currently assessing the bids to appoint someone to run the franchise from April 2025. Expect to be announced late summer/ Autumn when the successful bidders' plans for the new franchise can be announced. New trains will be in service by the end of 2024. The passenger experience will be much improved with the new trains, but testing needs to be completed first to ensure they are safe and reliable. (In response to a question) development of a new Thames Wharf Station (between Canning Town and West Silvertown) is still in the Mayor's Plan but the long term funding plan makes setting a date difficult. Expect to see more after the election. Pontoon Dock station upgrades will be going ahead – this includes better access to the platforms, e.g. escalators. (In response to a question) re lift replacements – AD explained that any lift replacements are for TfL to action, and maintenance issues for DLR to action. There are a few lifts across the network waiting for replacement – there has been an issue with supply of parts (TfL can confirm detail). <p>Newham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plan consultation is coming up over the summer – events will be starting soon. Sustainable Transport Strategy was consulted on earlier in the year, which includes commitments to cycling and bike share. Planning Appeal – cannot provide any additional on timings. <p>Lendlease:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silvertown development - three chapters: Plot 6 construction: affordable housing, will finish in early 2025. Planning: refreshing the plans including looking at S106 contributions. Bridge: separate application for a walking and cycling bridge to link Custom House station with the new development. Could bring wider benefits to the local area including the airport. Plans are with Newham's Cabinet for consideration this week. <p>Ballymore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking two schemes to planning this summer - UNEX (1625 units + light industrial) and Knights Road (1040 Units). Both schemes are car free, with excellent DLR access, as well as cycle parking and car club facilities provided on site. <p>Excel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 3 extension is on track; expect to open in October. The new dock edge/ family oriented events space is progressing rapidly and will open in summer 2024. 	OD

		<p>TM asked what impact that would have on other operating times. SA explained that if the aircraft were in use at the airport on Saturday afternoon, then the airlines will use them throughout the week; that is how the airport can encourage airline partners to re-fleet sooner than the aircraft lifetime.</p> <p>TM suggested there was perhaps consultation fatigue in the local community – SA noted that should the consent be granted, an entirely new regime of benefits would be delivered, including the new Sustainable Transport Fund.</p> <p>Next Meeting – will be 26 November at 10.30am.</p>	<p>LM to send invite</p>
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