

LONDON CITY AIRPORT CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY



30 YEARS OF LONDON CITY AIRPORT IN FACTS

- In 1987, it was the first new airport in the UK since World War Two, constructed in just 18 months at a cost of £34 million
- The route map has increased from 3 destinations in 1987 (Paris CDG, Plymouth & Brussels) to 46 destinations in 16 countries today - in the UK, rest of Europe & USA
- In 1988 (its first full year of operation) the airport welcomed 133,000 passengers. In 2016 a record-breaking 4.6 million passengers used the airport
- Since 1987, there have been over 1.5 million commercial flights and 12,000 private or business flights operated at the airport
- In 1987 there were just two airlines - Brymon Airways and Euro City Express. Today there are 12 airlines - Alitalia, British Airways, CityJet, Flybe, KLM, Lufthansa, Luxair, Powdair, SWISS Airlines, SkyWork Airlines, TAP Portugal and VLM Airlines
- In 1987 the only aircraft to operate was the De Havilland Dash 7, carrying 40 passengers. Today the largest aircraft is the Bombardier C Series CS100, which can carry 125 passengers and is capable of reaching new markets thanks to its longer range

On 26 October 1987, a flight carrying around 40 passengers touched down from Plymouth in East London, on the peninsula between Royal Albert Dock and King George V Dock. It was the first commercial flight to land at London City Airport. The first arrival, operated by Brymon Airways, was followed by a Eurocity Express service from Brussels, both using De Havilland Dash 7 aircraft.

At the time, London City Airport was the first completely new airport to be built in the UK for 40 years, taking just 18 months to construct at a cost of £34 million. It has subsequently increased its route map to circa 50 destinations today, across 12 airlines, serving a combined total of over 55.5 million passengers since 1987 – each benefitting from the quick and convenient gateway on the doorstep of the UK capital city.

To coincide with the milestone, the airport has released updated CGIs by architects Pascall + Watson, which are illustrative of what the airport will look like after it undergoes the £400 million City Airport Development Programme (CADP), due for completion in 2021.

The privately-funded investment includes plans for seven new aircraft stands, a parallel taxiway to maximise runway capacity, and a world-class terminal extension to accommodate increasing passengers. The improvements will enable two million more passengers per year to use the airport by 2025 and add 30,000 additional flights per year, creating over 2,000 jobs and generating an additional £750m per year for the UK economy. The airport is also constructing the UK’s first digital air traffic control tower, operational in 2019.

The seven artist’s impressions include several exterior views of an expanded airport, including the passenger terminal which



London City Airport 2017, Andrew Holt



London's Royal Docks mid 20th century



Aerial view with seven new aircraft stands and parallel taxiway



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will increase in size by around 40,000m². Enabling works begin, with construction beginning early in 2018, with the delivery partner Bechtel. The idea for an airport in London's Docklands was that of Reg Ward, Chief Executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) and Sir Philip Beck, Chairman of the construction company John Mowlem & Co plc, who developed the concept following the closure of the docks to commercial shipping traffic in 1981. From the outset, the airport appealed to business travellers, whose journeys were made easier by its convenient location and proximity to central

London, compact design, and speedy service. Over the course of the 30th anniversary year the airport has collected several awards in recognition of the service provided by its staff. In March, the airport collected Airport of the Year at the London Transport Awards and at the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2017 was recognised as Best Airport for those handling up to 5 million passengers per year. Last week the airport picked up the European Regions Airline Association Airport of the Year 2017.

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East Pier of Terminal



Terminal front



Extended terminal to the west