

# London Southend Airport

## Airport

London Southend Airport is a key regional and European transport hub, helping to generate important economic investment and jobs in Southend and the wider Thames Gateway.

The Airport lies partly in Southend-on-Sea and partly in the District of Rochford and both Southend and Rochford Councils are relevant planning authorities.

Southend Council owns the freehold of the Airport, but it has been leased since 1994 to London Southend Airport Company Limited, which is now a subsidiary of the Stobart Group.

As part of the Airport Company's expansion and development plans, Southend Council has considered very carefully how best to achieve an appropriate balance between encouraging Airport development and economic growth; while adopting tough measures to protect residents as much as possible from the environmental impact of aircraft movements, particularly at night.

New controls have been put in place which impose much more stringent controls on flights, and especially night time movements. Compliance is monitored by the Airport Consultative Committee and the Council and an Airport Monitoring Working Party has been established to review the position.

The new controls include the following important restrictions:

- The number of possible night flights per month has been reduced from more than 900 to 120
- The night period has been increased from 6 hours to 7.5 hours
- Strict noise controls have been introduced on aircraft operating from the Airport
- Night time passenger flights are generally prohibited
- There is now a runway preference scheme to restrict the number of take offs and landings over the south west, Leigh on Sea area.

The new controls are set out in two planning agreements which can be accessed on the Public Access pages of this website under application reference 09/01960/FULM. The controls are replicated in leases which can be obtained from the Land Registry.

In addition, a clear summary of the new controls has been produced to assist everyone [Operational Controls Summary Table](#).

Regular easyJet passenger flights to European destinations commenced from the Airport on Monday 2nd April 2012, after planning permission for the runway extension was granted in April 2010. At that point the new controls came into effect.

## Noise Complaints

The planning agreements linked to the runway extension require the Airport Company to set up a Noise Complaints Handling Service. As a result, the Airport Company now has a Noise Manager and a complaints procedure agreed with the Council.

The Council itself is not responsible for handling noise complaints about the Airport, which should all be

taken up with the Airport Company in one of the following ways:

- On-line at London Southend Airport
- By writing to: London Southend Airport Company Ltd, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 6YF

All complaints about aircraft noise will be recorded by the Airport Company and entered on a Noise Complaint Database.

Complaints will be reported quarterly to the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) to be monitored along with the Airport Company's responses and complaint resolution.

## **Claims under the Land Compensation Act 1973 (as amended) in respect of Runway Extension at London Southend Airport:**

A number of residents have been contacted by solicitors about compensation claims for loss of property value as a result of the development of the Airport.

Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 provides that compensation may be claimed by residents who own and occupy property near the Airport and who can prove their property reduced in value by a demonstrable increase in noise, vibration, smell, fumes etc caused by the runway extension.

The Compensating Authority is the company operating the Airport (London Southend Airport Company Limited), not the Council.

Correspondence on the subject should be sent to the Estates Manager at the Airport Company.

Any owner-occupier wishing to pursue such a claim under the 1973 Act is strongly advised to obtain independent specialist advice.

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