



LONDON CITY JET CENTRE RECEIVES IS-BAH FOLLOWING EXPANSION APPROVAL

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The London City Airport Jet Centre (Booth 3919) has received IS-BAH approval from IBAC, covering its ground-handling operation, and will soon begin construction on a long-awaited parallel taxiway.

London City Airport (LCY) is only four miles from Canary Wharf, seven miles from The City of London (the “Square Mile”), and nine miles from Mayfair in the West End. Meanwhile the Jet Centre also provides passenger handling and security for Royal Air Force (RAF) Northolt Airport.

“At both London City and RAF Northolt we’re expecting a very busy end to the year, as activity is at an all-time high,” said Nick Rose, LCY director of business aviation, “predominately driven by both airports’ superior access to London and the competitive pricing introduced at London City Airport. We recently reduced our pricing at LCY due to the higher demand and are very pleased to pass this saving on to customers.”

The airport has approvals for most major manufactures with the Global 6000, Falcon 7X, Embraer 550 and Phenom 300 all regular visitors. Approvals are also in progress for the Falcon 8X, Gulfstream 280, Citation Latitude and Challenger 350, added Rose, who is inviting NBAA visitors to the company’s booth to discuss its “90-second experience” from aircraft to car.

Some airlines operate regional aircraft from London City, so The Jet Centre now offers passengers using the airline route network the opportunity and convenience of using the Jet Centre facilities to

both check-in and board the aircraft “with a personal service providing transportation from car park to the aircraft steps.”

Rose commented, “The Jet Centre at LCY has airline check-in, with full-time security and immigration control. This services allows passengers to take advantage of the privacy and excellent facilities the Jet Centre offers whether departing or arriving on commercial airlines.”

The 10 commercial airlines that operate from LCY serve nearly 50 domestic, European and U.S. destinations, with the most popular routes by passenger numbers including Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Zurich, Rotterdam and Dublin.

During 2016 the airport added several new destinations to its route map including Bergerac, Alicante, Berlin, Bremen, Cardiff, Paris Charles De Gaulle and Rennes.

In 2015 the airport welcomed 4.3 million passengers, with around 52 percent travelling on business. “LCY offers a unique rapid transit proposition,” said the airport in a release, “a short and efficient check in, door to lounge, of around 20 minutes; and a speedy arrival, tarmac to train, of around 15 minutes.

The airport recently received long-awaited planning permission including for the addition of seven new aircraft stands, a parallel taxiway to maximise runway capacity and a terminal extension to accommodate increasing passenger numbers. Construction will begin on the City Airport Development Programme (CADP) in 2017. The airport estimates that it will mean an increase in passenger numbers to 6.5 million a year by 2025, by adding “32,000 additional flights per year.” CADP is a £344 million privately funded investment.

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