



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## What is it that you want from stakeholders in this process?

As we are still at the formative stage of our application submission the purpose of this consultation is to gather feedback on our proposal and existing mitigations. We'd like your input to shape the final proposal and anything else which should be included.

## Why are you consulting on increasing the passenger limit when you are not expecting to reach this number until 2024?

Despite the impacts of COVID-19, which will more than halve the number of passengers using the airport this year, the future application is focused on making sure the airport has the best possible footing to bounce back and help the local and national economy recover.

## You are consulting on an airspace change at the same time as increasing the passenger limit to 19 million passengers per year, are they linked?

No they are not. The airspace change consultation is a collaboration between LLA and NATS to reduce the complexity of flights arriving to LLA and Stansted. The current flight routes to and from LLA have sufficient capacity to accommodate the increase in capacity and as such no airspace changes are needed for this purpose.

## Why are you looking for this increase now instead of when passenger numbers start to recover?

It is essential we continue to plan for the future to ensure the airport can bounce back quickly from the pandemic and play its role in supporting the local and national recovery.

## Will this increase mean more night flights?

No, we are not proposing to change an existing condition which restricts the number of flights that are permitted to operate at night.

## What are you doing about Air Quality and Climate Change?

Building on our previous work in this area we are developing a new air quality strategy that will address any changes which may occur from future growth in passenger numbers.

On climate change, we are developing a carbon management strategy with ambitious emission reduction targets.

### **What are you doing about the noise impacts for those that live close to the airport and under the flight paths?**

We understand that noise can have a significant impact on the quality of life for those living close to an airport and under flight paths, and this needs to be responsibly managed.

We will propose further operational measures to mitigate the effect of any future growth in passenger numbers as well as developing a programme of wellbeing activities for our communities. More details on these can be found on pages 18 and 19 of the consultation document.