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Labour councillors press for City Airport consultation event

Bexley's Labour Group of councillors have expressed their concerns that no consultation events are planned in Bexley regarding proposed changes to flights using City airport, despite the fact several flights travel over the borough, particularly affecting residents in Thamesmead East and Belvedere.

Speaking after the launch of the consultation, Cllr. Stef Borella, (Slade Green and Northend ward) Shadow Spokesperson for Environment, Transport and Leisure said "I am concerned that no consultation event has been planned for Bexley even though the proposed 2020-2035 masterplan will directly affect Bexley residents. On behalf of Bexley Labour Group, I have therefore requested that London City Airport holds an event in Bexley before the consultation deadline of the 20th September 2019."

He continued:

"At the Full Council of the 17th July, I questioned Cllr Craske as to why there were no consultation events planned for Bexley regarding the airport's expansion and was concerned that the Cabinet Member did not appear to be aware of the consultation. It is vitally important that an event is held in the north of the borough so that local people's views can be heard."

At the Full Council meeting, Cllr Borella also highlighted concerns that the appointed Bexley Conservative councillor representative for the London City Airport Consultative Committee has not attended any meetings for over a year, and that attendance at the meetings would have given an opportunity to press for a consultation event in Bexley.

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Notes to editors

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More information on the consultation can be found at <https://londoncityairport.com/corporate/consultation>