

WELCOME



Earlier this year, we published our Master Plan 2040, setting out a clear vision for how Belfast City Airport can grow responsibly to meet future demand, strengthen connectivity and support economic growth across Northern Ireland.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to engage with us during the consultation on the draft Master Plan. The feedback we received from local residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders played an important role in shaping our long-term vision for the airport.

Our Master Plan 2040 reflects the strategic need to deliver improved connectivity, help meet future air travel demand and support the Northern Ireland Executive's vision of a stronger, more prosperous Northern Ireland.

We are now taking the next steps towards delivering that vision.

From 29th September to 27th October 2026, we will be holding a public consultation on draft proposals for a programme of improvements designed to enhance passenger facilities, improve airport operations and support future growth.

We will also consult on proposed changes to our Planning Agreement. These changes are critical to meeting the forecast increase in demand for air travel and unlocking a range of associated benefits, including increased connectivity to the UK and Europe.

The consultation will provide an opportunity to learn more about the full package of draft proposals that could form part of our future planning applications and represent the first stage in delivering our Master Plan 2040.

You will be able to meet members of the project team, view the proposals in detail and share your feedback. Whether online, in writing or at one of our public consultation events, the details of which can be found overleaf, we would like to hear your views on the draft proposals as we finalise our planning applications.

Thank you for taking the time to engage. Your feedback will help ensure Belfast City Airport continues to serve both our passengers and the community we are proud to be part of.

Matthew Hall

Chief Executive, Belfast City Airport

PROGRESSING OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

On 24th August 2026, we took the next step towards delivering our Master Plan 2040 vision by submitting Proposal of Application Notices (PANs) to Belfast City Council and Ards and North Down Borough Council.

These submissions relate to proposed planning applications that could together unlock up to £200 million in private investment. They are the first stage of the planning process and give you the opportunity to learn more about the draft proposals and share your views.

In addition to consulting on the PAN submissions, we will also run a voluntary public consultation on proposed changes to our current Planning Agreement, which is overseen by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI).

The consultation, which will run from 29th September to 27th October 2026, will allow you to find out more, attend public consultation events, and provide your feedback on the full package of draft proposals.

Subject to the feedback received, planning applications for the redevelopment of the airport and its infrastructure are expected to be submitted to Belfast City Council and Ards and North Down Borough Council later this year. At the same time, an application will be made to the DfI seeking amendments to our current operational controls.



More information is available on our dedicated consultation website: belfastcityairport.com/vision



Scan the QR code to find out more



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This CGI reflects our initial Master Plan vision. We look forward to sharing the detailed design at our public consultation events.

INVESTING IN NORTHERN IRELAND'S CONNECTIVITY AND PROSPERITY

Our vision for the future outlines how we can grow sustainably and responsibly to meet future demand for air travel.

By 2040, our Master Plan will:



Unlock up to
£200 million
in private investment



**ENHANCE AIR
CONNECTIVITY**
to key UK and
European destinations



Create over
1,100
new jobs at the
airport campus



**ENABLE
DELIVERY**
of the Programme
for Government



Support
23,000+
jobs across Northern
Ireland by 2040



**TRANSFORM
PUBLIC
TRANSPORT**
and explore new rail
halt opportunity



Generate
£1.7 billion
in annual economic contribution
to the regional economy



DELIVER
employment academy
with more apprenticeships

All growth to 2040 can be delivered within our existing noise contour area limit without the need for a runway extension.

DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

Demand for air travel on the island of Ireland is forecast to double to around 90 million passengers annually by 2040, and it is anticipated that Belfast City Airport will need to grow responsibly and sustainably to carry 7 million passengers annually.

To support that growth, our draft proposals include improvements to passenger facilities, airport operations and key infrastructure, helping to strengthen connectivity and support Northern Ireland's economy.

In summary, development is likely to include:



Alterations and extensions to existing terminal and passenger piers, creating new world-class passenger facilities



New aircraft stands to accommodate more new-generation, cleaner and quieter aircraft



New aprons and taxiways to improve airfield operations



New multimodal passenger forecourt, including public transport



Other complementary development, including a hotel



Improved vehicular access, egress and parking facilities



Safeguards to accommodate a pedestrian link to a potential future rail halt

A runway extension will not be required.



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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO OUR PLANNING AGREEMENT

Extended operating hours and increased annual traffic movement limits are critical to meeting forecast demand for air travel and unlocking the associated benefits, including increased connectivity to the UK and Europe.

They are also essential to support the investment needed to deliver the infrastructure required for our long-term growth.

Our proposed amendments are likely to include:

- ✈ A one-hour increase in scheduled operations, moving from a 15-hour day to a 16-hour day, with scheduled movements allowed up to 22:30, whilst maintaining the current no-fly period between 00:00 and 06:29
- ✈ An increase in annual traffic movements from 48,000 up to 61,000, which will be accommodated within the airport's existing noise contour area limit and environmental controls

These draft proposals could help shape the future of Belfast City Airport for decades to come, and your feedback is an important part of the process. We would encourage you to find out more about the plans, attend the consultation events and share your views.

Have your say!

There are a number of ways you can share your feedback during the consultation period, which runs from **29th September to 27th October 2026**.



You can meet with **members of the Master Plan team in person** at one of our public consultation events, detailed below



Via our dedicated consultation website at **belfastcityairport.com/vision**



Via email, by sending feedback to: **masterplanteam@bca.aero**



In writing, by sending feedback to:
Master Plan Team, Belfast City Airport, Sydenham Bypass, Belfast BT3 9JH



Scan the **QR code** to provide feedback from 29th September 2026

Public consultation events



**Tuesday 29th
September 2026**

2-4pm and
6-8pm

Templemore Baths,
East Belfast



**Wednesday 30th
September 2026**

2-4pm and
6-8pm

St. Comgall's,
West Belfast



**Thursday 1st
October 2026**

12-3pm

Clayton Hotel,
Belfast city centre



**Tuesday 6th
October 2026**

2-4pm and
6-8pm

Culloden Estate and
Spa, Holywood



**Wednesday 7th
October 2026**

2-4pm and
6-8pm

Riddel Hall,
South Belfast



**Thursday 8th
October 2026**

2-4pm and
6-8pm

The Duncairn,
North Belfast

Please note you will be able to submit written feedback at these events.

COMMUNITY CORNER

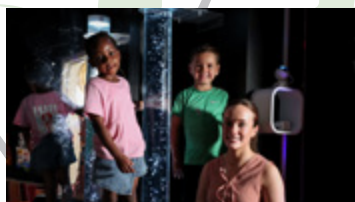
We're proud to be part of our local community and are committed to making a positive difference beyond the airport.

Through our Community Fund, we support local projects and initiatives that help people thrive. By working together,

we're encouraging skills development, promoting employability, supporting environmental projects and creating opportunities that will deliver lasting benefits across the area we call home.

Over
£780,000
donated to date

262
projects supported



St. John's Pre-School

Our Community Fund strengthened early childhood development through purposeful, sensory-led play with the introduction of new specialist equipment, helping to create a more engaging, inclusive, and accessible learning environment.



Seaview Primary School

We enabled Seaview Primary School to open a new outdoor sensory walk and garden that enhances pupil wellbeing, particularly for children with autism and additional sensory needs.



Kilmaine Primary School

Education Minister Paul Givan helped us open Kilmaine Primary School's new family outdoor learning and wellbeing space, made possible with funding from Belfast City Airport's Community Fund. The school transformed an unused outdoor area into a vibrant and inclusive environment where pupils and their families can take part in hands-on learning activities that support sustainability.

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Redburn Loughview Community Forum

Our Community Fund supported 'Project Seedling', a community-led transformational project that turned underused urban spaces into inclusive, sensory-rich environments.



Sense NI

We provided vital funding for Sense NI's 'Next Steps Programme', helping young people with complex disabilities develop life skills, gain vocational training, and build independence during their transition into adulthood.



Braniel Primary School

Over 350 children and staff members benefitted from our Community Fund, with Braniel Primary School using the funding for a new garden initiative that transformed an unused area into a vibrant learning space.

BELFAST CITY AIRPORT'S COMMUNITY FUND IS NOW OPEN

Our Community Fund is now open for applications until 5th October 2026! Whether you're part of a community group, charity, school or local organisation, our Community Fund is designed to help bring your ideas to life. Find out more and apply using the QR code.



SUPPORTING WHITE RIBBON NI



We recently teamed up with White Ribbon NI as our newest Charity Partner, pledging our support for the global movement working to end violence against women and girls.

As part of the partnership, we'll take part in and organise a range of fundraising activities and host educational sessions for staff, raising awareness of White Ribbon NI and the work needed to create a culture of respect and equality where all can thrive.

This reflects our commitment to using our platform to help drive positive change, and, over the next two years, we will work together to send out the message that violence against women and girls in all forms is unacceptable.

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

From significant milestones to new retail partners and accessibility achievements, we continue to play an important role in connecting people, supporting jobs and driving economic growth.



Five years flying high with easyJet

We celebrated five years since easyJet's first flight from the heart of Belfast. Since taking to the skies in July 2021 with flights to London Gatwick, easyJet has carried over 2.5 million passengers to an established network of nine destinations. A new route to London Southend will also take off in October 2026, giving you more choice, convenience and connectivity.



The future of connectivity

Our Chief Executive, Matthew Hall, joined fellow members of the Connectivity Coalition for a positive and productive discussion with Minister for Infrastructure, Liz Kimmins MLA, on the importance of connectivity to Northern Ireland's economy, tourism industry and business community.



Reaching new heights

The achievements of five of our High Flyers Apprentices were recognised at an official passing out ceremony. Daniel Burke, Liam Cuning, Daniel Fusco, Ethan McKee and Paul McNally showcased their newfound skills to their friends and family, including a live drill where they tackled a controlled fire. Since launching, our High Flyers Apprenticeship Programme has maintained a 100% success rate of apprentices progressing into full-time permanent roles within the airport.



On cloud nine

We achieved a 'Very Good' accessibility rating, the highest accolade available, for the ninth consecutive year. The Airport Accessibility Performance Report, which is published annually by the Civil Aviation Authority, assesses the performance of UK airports in providing assistance services to disabled and less mobile passengers. This is a significant accomplishment and reflects our commitment to ensuring every passenger has a safe, accessible and positive journey through Belfast City Airport.



Fill your Boots!

Boots recently opened a new store at Belfast City Airport, creating 13 permanent jobs and a number of seasonal roles. Its arrival has been a fantastic addition to our commercial offering, making it even easier for you to pick up everything you need before you fly.

Working with Translink to explore enhanced rail connection

Belfast City Airport and Translink have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, setting out how we intend to work in partnership to support the ongoing development and appraisal of options which seek to improve connectivity between Translink's network and Belfast City Airport. A range of options will be examined which will seek to improve the user experience, safety and accessibility for Translink and Belfast City Airport passengers.

Win
with Belfast
City Airport!

To be in with a chance of winning a £100 Amazon voucher, please answer the question below by scanning the QR code.

Q: How much private investment could be unlocked if Belfast City Airport realises its vision for the future?

A. £5 million B. £100 million C. £200 million



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This competition will close at 9am
on 27th October 2026.
Full T&Cs can be found at
belfastcityairport.com.

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