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London Stansted Airport receives planning permission for new £130 million arrivals building

- **New 34,000m² building to support the airport's growth over the next 10 -15 years**
- **Planning permissions now secured for Stansted to build facilities needed to make full use of existing runway**
- **Stansted will be the only UK airport operating dedicated arrivals and departures terminals, transforming the passenger experience**
- **Works will include improvements to existing check-in area and departure lounge**

London Stansted Airport today received planning permission from Uttlesford District Council for a new £130 million arrivals building that will enhance the passenger experience and provide capacity for growth over the next decade.

The 34,000m² arrivals facility designed by architects Pascall+Watson and spanning three levels, is the centrepiece in MAG's multi-million pound programme to transform Stansted and cater for future growth in passenger numbers. It will be situated next to the current terminal and will include larger immigration and baggage reclaim areas, new retail facilities, improved access for all onward transport options and a public forecourt to create a welcoming environment for arriving passengers.

The existing terminal will be reconfigured so that it is dedicated to departing passengers, providing more space at check-in, security and in the departure lounge. The first phase of works will begin later this summer to create some additional capacity in the short-term, including extra check-in desks, additional seating and restaurants in the departure lounge.

Construction of the dedicated arrivals building will take place entirely outside the current terminal, helping to minimise disruption to passengers. It will take up to three years to complete once work begins late next year.

Stansted Airport's Chief Executive, Andrew Cowan, said:

"The granting of planning permission for our new £130 million arrivals building is excellent news for everyone connected to Stansted Airport and will transform our infrastructure and facilities to give our passengers the best possible experience.

"Stansted is a national asset and our investment will continue to boost competition and support economic growth, jobs and international connectivity for London and the East of England.

"At a time when airport capacity in the country is at a premium, Stansted is playing a vital role in supporting both the regional and national economy. This project will strengthen our ability to do this by enabling us to make the most efficient use of our single runway.

"We will also be investing in other terminal improvements in the short term to keep pace with increased passenger and airline demand that we expect over the next few years. This will include more check-in desks, extra seating and new restaurants in the departure lounge. This is on top of the on-going investment to improve car parking facilities at the airport. Once completed, Stansted will be the only UK airport operating dedicated arrivals and departures terminals.

"Since MAG acquired Stansted in early 2013, passenger numbers have grown by 40%, that's more than seven million additional passengers than there were when we took over. We have also attracted new airlines to serve more than 40 new routes and created the largest network of European destinations in the country, providing greater competition and choice for our passengers."

Welcoming the announcement, Aviation Minister, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon said:

"These plans signal the start of an exciting new chapter for Stansted Airport, which already contributes £1 billion to the economy, and will help connect more passengers across the UK and throughout the world.

"Investment in our airports plays a key role in strengthening air links across the country, opening up new tourism and business opportunities and growing local economies. Plans for a dedicated arrivals building will ensure that Stansted can meet growing demand, improve the experience for passengers, create new jobs, and boost economic growth in the region. This is excellent news for the millions of passengers who travel through the airport each year."

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Notes to editors:

- Stansted is currently the busiest single terminal airport in the UK with up to 5,000 departing passengers alone passing through its doors every hour at peak times.
- The new arrivals building will provide a high quality environment to support Stansted's continuing growth from today's 24 million passengers a year to the current planning limit of 35 million. The facility is designed to ensure that in the future the airport could make full use of its single runway and serve around 43 million passengers a year, as set out in Stansted's 2015 Sustainable Development Plan.
- The design complements the existing terminal's unique architecture, created by Lord Norman Foster over 25 years ago.
- Attached: computer generated image of an aerial view of the new arrivals building and public forecourt
- A copy of the Stansted Airport Sustainable Development Plan 2015 can be accessed at <http://www.stanstedairport.com/about-us/developmentplan/>
- Stansted Airport already has planning permission for a two bay extension to the existing terminal. The new arrivals building is an alternative iteration of this and the best solution to deliver future requirements.
- Further information can be accessed at <http://www.stanstedairport.com/transformation/>

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About London Stansted Airport

London Stansted Airport is the third largest in London (4th in UK) serving over 24 million passengers a year.

Firmly positioned as a market leader for short-haul travel across Europe, with over 180 destinations across 38 countries, Stansted serves more scheduled connections to Europe than any other airport in the world. With approval to serve 35mppa, it's the only London airport with space and permission to grow, within its existing infrastructure.

Stansted also boasts an impressive and growing range of transport links that benefit from close proximity to the M11 and A120, as well direct trains to London and Cambridge and is proud to be the UK's leading major airport (and one of the best-performing in Europe), with nearly half of passengers travelling to and from by public transport.

London Stansted Airport was named London Airport of the Year at the London Transport Awards in March 2016.