



Flybe increases capacity on London Southend

Tuesday, 4 September 2018 – Stobart Air, a Flybe franchise partner plans to increase capacity on London Southend to compensate the loss of the London City route.

As from 31 Augustus 2018, SHS Aviation B.V., the majority shareholder of the N.V. SHS Antwerp Aviation (VLM), decided at an extraordinary general assembly to dissolve the Belgian airline and to liquidate it.

Unfortunately, the longstanding route Antwerp to London City has been cancelled. To compensate the London City route, Stobart Air, a Flybe franchise partner, will increase flights between Antwerp and London Southend to daily except Saturday.

This will represent an increase of 50% in capacity on the route and shows a great commitment to the route and to all operations from Antwerp Airport. London travellers will be able to book this alternative with Flybe as from 4 September 2018. The additional flights are available on www.flybe.com.

Ciaran Smith, Network Development Manager at Stobart Air said: "The increase in frequency is a direct reflection of customer demand. We are therefore very pleased to be able to offer our customers greater choice and convenience on the route and to build on our great relationship with Antwerp Airport."

London Southend Airport boasts its own dedicated railway station that is just 100 paces from the airport. The airport is served by up to eight train services an hour offering direct links to Stratford (45 minutes) and London Liverpool Street (51 minutes).

Flybe also offers quick and convenient connections of less than one to a range of destinations via London Southend Airport.

With an average 5 minute check in time and 3 minutes to get through security, London Southend is the Capital's favourite airport and has been voted *Which?* Best airport for London 5 years in a row.

About Antwerp Flanders International Airport

Antwerp International Airport is part of the Egis Group. 13 European routes are currently operated by 2 airlines. Besides scheduled flights, the airport caters for private- charter- and training flights. The regional airport is well known for its speedy check-in, short walking distances and affordable parking. During the year 2017 Antwerp Airport welcomed 273.167 passengers and registered 37.511 flight movements.

About Stobart Air

Stobart Air operates up to 860 flights weekly across 43 routes throughout 11 European countries from bases in the UK & Ireland. Stobart Air operates under the Aer Lingus Regional brand as part of a franchise agreement with Ireland's national carrier, Aer Lingus and operates Flybe routes from London Southend Airport, and the Isle of Man. The airline employs over 570 people.

About London Southend Airport

Which? Travel's annual survey ranked LSA London's best airport for a 5th year in a row (2013-17). With a customer rating of 84% LSA was an impressive 16 percentage points higher than the next best London airport. Additionally, the Airport Operators Association voted LSA "Best Small Airport" in 2015 and 2016.

