

20 Years Growing

- 2006** Airport celebrates its 20th anniversary
Over 25 destinations served

- 2005** Milestone of over half a million annual passengers achieved
Airport supports 1,100 jobs in region and contributes €52 million in tourism spend
New daily UK services introduced by airlines bmibaby, easyJet and Ryanair

- 2004** bmibaby begins daily service to Manchester
First snow and ski charters
Airport employs over 120 people directly

- 2003** MyTravelite commences daily services to Birmingham
Dramatic increase in sun holiday charter destinations

- 1999** Annual passenger numbers in excess of 200,000 achieved

- 1995** Aer Lingus operates its regular Birmingham service

- 1992** Ryanair commences its London Stansted route

- 1990** Charter flights to Paris and Lourdes, and in from New York and Boston

- 1988** Within two years, annual passenger numbers exceed 100,000

- 1987** New Irish airline, Ryanair, begins London Luton route

- 1986** Official opening of the Airport on 30th May
Monsignor Horan dies in Lourdes on 1st August
Over 20-30 people employed at the Airport

- 1985** The vision becomes a reality! The first commercial flights, three Aer Lingus Boeing aircraft, took off on a pilgrimage to Rome on October 25th

- 1983** First phase of runway completed

- 1981** First sod cut

- 1980** Breakthrough! The visionary Monsignor James Horan and Connacht Airport Committee's proposed new airport at Knock gets Government backing



vision 2020

Ireland West Airport Knock: Vision 2020 A Vibrant, Modern, Progressive Airport of Choice in the Heart of the Real Ireland

- Connects 2 million passengers annually to and from Ireland's West and North West region
- 50% of annual passengers are in-bound tourists from the UK, Europe and North America
- Over 50 routes to:
 - all major UK cities and regions
 - all main European destinations
 - North America
 - Sun, Winter, Ski and Pilgrim charter destinations worldwide
- Year round pilgrimages to Knock Shrine
- A key driver of regional economic development. Cumulative impacts from 2005 to 2020 are:
 - 20 million passengers served
 - €2 billion in tourism spend
 - 25 million bed nights
 - 2,000 jobs
- Balanced mix of aviation and commercial businesses
- Superior customer services
- Supports choices for work and lifestyle balance
- Serves a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic regional community of 1.4 million people
- Strategic transport connections:
 - Western Rail Corridor spur
 - Interchange to North/South, East/West highways
 - National bus networks
- A beacon in the National Spatial Strategy offering a real alternative to congestion elsewhere
- Recognised for competitiveness, choice and value
- Supports clusters of knowledge-based high-tech businesses by use of leading telecommunications and IT technologies
- CO₂ neutral and sustainable energy policies in place
- CAT III airport unrestricted by weather
- Retaining a sense of place – a pride in our past, our rich heritage, our language and culture
- *The gateway to the heart of the real Ireland*

Tar éis fiche bliain ag fás – go mbeidhimíd 20 bliain faoi bhláth

Looking Ahead

2020 – 55 routes

Connected to all main and regional cities in the UK
Flights to the main European cities and regions
Range of weekly North American destinations
Long-haul holiday destinations added
Year round in-bound pilgrimages from the UK, Europe and USA

2 million+

2015 – 45 routes

Flights to secondary and regional cities in the UK added
Connections to European regions added to network
New city choices added to North American routes
High frequency short/medium haul holiday destinations
Year round in-bound pilgrimages from the UK and Europe

1.5 million

2010 – 35 routes

Daily flights to all major cities in the UK
Connected to major destinations in Europe
Scheduled flights to East Coast, USA
Year round holiday destinations
Year round in-bound pilgrimages from the UK

1 million

2005 – 25 routes

Daily flights to Dublin, Birmingham, Manchester and London (Stansted, Gatwick, Luton)

540,000

PROJECTED SCHEDULED FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

PROJECTED PASSENGERS PER YEAR

