

# The new Russian built passenger jet was seen landing at Southend Airport



Picture: Simon Murdoch

1 day ago

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A brand new type of passenger jet which has only just entered service in the UK is believed to have landed at Southend airport yesterday afternoon.

The new Russian built Sukhoi Super Jet SSJ-100 is one of three which have just been bought by City Jet who operated flights from London City Airport.

It can carry up to 100 passengers and is very quiet.

It is believed the aircraft landed at Southend to check out the airports ground handling services and equipment in case they have to divert to Southend for any reason or operate flights from the airport.

City Jet have just taken over Stobart Air who are part of the giant [Stobart Group](#) which owns and runs Southend airport and operate services from southend to four destinations under a separate franchise agreement with Fly Be.

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You really could not make it up 12:15pm Thu 22 Sep 16

Another dazzling example of Echo journalism !

Score: 2

kensbowling You really could not make it up 4:47pm Thu 22 Sep 16

the heading says 'seen landing at southend airport' but in the story it says 'believed to have landed ', seems reports on the web pages just don't get corrected although they are 'live' and the airport are not confirming that it has even landed there or giving out any information but under the Freedom of information act they should.

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Score: 1

Johnny45 12:18pm Thu 22 Sep 16

Echo - I am aware of three destinations served by Stobart/Flybe from Southend. Perhaps you could name the four to which you refer. Don't think you'll be able to!!

Score: 1

kensbowling 12:36pm Thu 22 Sep 16

Rennes, Groningen and Caen currently and Maastricht the fourth service was dropped earlier this year.

Score: 1

eric naylor 1:25pm Thu 22 Sep 16

fantastic news if they start some new services from the airport with the new jet.

Score: 3

Johnny45 1:43pm Thu 22 Sep 16

Re number of destinations from Southend, if you're going to delve into the past and count Maastricht you might as well go back to when the Stobart/Flybe flights started and include Antwerp and Munster as well! That makes six. The Echo has got it wrong again; there are three destinations, not four.

Score: 2

kensbowling Johnny45 4:51pm Thu 22 Sep 16

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Makebelieve 5:18pm Thu 22 Sep 16

There are rumours City jet is looking to Base aircraft at SEN. I'm not aware this type have approval to land at LCY yet and they have wet leased their other plane to Finnair so they could look to Base a couple of these here.

More so now City Jet have completed the buyout of Stobart Air (airline only not the airport operations)

Score: 1

5:18pm Thu 22 Sep 16

Yes. Of course it did land and park. The media is awaiting news on CityJet's future plans and if they involve flights from Southend.

Score: 1

Suburban Knight 10:49pm Thu 22 Sep 16

Vladimir Putin was on board.

Score: 1

eric naylor Suburban Knight 1:43pm Fri 23 Sep 16

that would explain the 'non information' being given from the airport about the visit !!

Score: 0

jollyboy 4:40pm Fri 23 Sep 16

The purchase has come about because the second biggest shareholders wanted to sell their shares. Interesting.

Score: 0