

### **Future Plans**

Lydd airport hopes to become a successful regional airport capable of handling up to 2 million passengers per annum by 2014. However, the short term aspiration is to receive planning permission to extend the existing runway by 294m plus 150m starter extension, and to also receive permission to construct a new terminal building capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers per annum.

The planning application was submitted to Shepway District Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and Lydd airport management have been informed that a decision will be made by Shepway District Council within 3-6 months.

The airport hopes to begin the construction of the runway extension as soon as possible after planning permission has been granted. The new terminal building will begin construction once the airport reaches approximately 200,000 passengers per annum, and once completed the existing terminal building will be demolished.

Many people ask the question ‘Why develop Lydd airport?’ Well the answer to that is solved by looking at the number of people flying. The Office of National Statistics show that in 2004, 214 million passengers flew from the UK, however, by the year 2020 it is estimated that 401 million passengers will be flying from the UK.

Future destinations could include Newcastle, Manchester, Blackpool, Dublin, Palma, Geneva, Amsterdam, Jersey, Malaga and Prague to name just a few. Any destination within a 1000 nautical mile radius will be possible from Lydd Airport with the runway extension.