

TO: THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
DATE: 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO AIRSPACE AND FUTURE OPERATIONS LINKED TO
THE EXPANSION OF HEATHROW AIRPORT**
Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the Council's response to the latest Heathrow Airport Ltd (HAL) consultation, as part of the current statutory Airport Expansion Consultation process.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the Council's response to the HAL consultation outlined in Appendix A is approved.

3 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Council provides HAL with an overarching consultation response for their consideration alongside individual consultation responses from Borough residents.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Council could choose not to respond to the consultation. This would mean a lost opportunity to stress the importance of environmental, transport and mitigation issues related to any expansion of the airport on behalf of residents and businesses in the Borough.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 On the 25 June 2018, Parliament formally backed Heathrow expansion, with MPs voting in support of the Government's Airports National Policy Statement (Airports NPS).
- 5.2 The Airports NPS sets out Government policy for the expansion of Heathrow and the construction of a new north-west runway. This will increase the number of runways at Heathrow from two to three.
- 5.3 This current consultation seeks feedback on a range of areas including:
- The Preferred Masterplan for an expanded airport – the proposed physical layout for the future airport, including the new runway;
 - Proposals for construction;

- How HAL propose to operate our future airport, including runway operations, surface access, and proposals for additional flights to be introduced before the new runway is operational; and,
 - Compensation and mitigation
- 5.4 Consultation responses will help HAL to design future airspace and surface access for expansion by understanding what issues should be considered in different geographic areas.
- 5.5 The consultation is intended for individuals and groups who may respond to the consultation via the dedicated consultation web site and by completing the on-line document that follow.
- 5.6 The main areas of concern for the Borough are:
1. Future Operations and changes to Airspace;
 2. Surface Access Strategy
- 5.7 During this consultation Heathrow held a number of events where members of the expansion team were on hand to answer any questions and provide demonstrations to help understand what aircraft may look and sound like at different heights, both outside and indoors. These events were well attended by local residents and it is clear that response to parts of the consultation are much down to resident's personal preference.
- 5.8 **Appendix A** outlines the Council's proposed response to HAL. In addition, the Council will underline the importance that the views of local residents are taken into account through their individual consultation responses and feedback from the HAL local exhibitions.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Treasurer

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report

Borough Solicitor

- 6.2 Nothing to add to the report

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 HAL are undertaking a full public consultation on their physical and operational changes and Borough residents have been encouraged to respond directly with their individual views.

Representations Received

- 7.3 In writing to the Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration.

Contacts for further information

Neil Mathews - Head of Highways and Transport

01344 351163

neil.mathews@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Stuart Jefferies – Transport Strategy and Implementation Manager

01344 351155

stuart.jefferies@bracknell-forest.gov.uk