

17 January 2018

Dear Councillor

**Heathrow Expansion and Airspace Principles Consultation, January 2018**

I am writing to let you know about our consultations on our emerging proposals and options for the expansion of Heathrow airport, and on the related changes to the surrounding airspace.

We want to ensure that as many people as possible have their say on how we build a future airport. We are therefore consulting your authority on our emerging proposals and would like to hear your views.

In October 2016, the Government announced a new north west runway at Heathrow as its preferred option for expanding airport capacity in the South East. Since then we have been developing proposals and options for the expansion of the airport and its associated airspace.

From 17 January 2018 until 28 March 2018, we will be providing the opportunity for people to consider our emerging proposals in relation to expansion and airspace principles, and to let us know what they think about them.

You can find more information about the options being considered and our emerging proposals on our dedicated website [heathrowconsultation.com](http://heathrowconsultation.com). I have enclosed a leaflet that explains more about our public consultation process and where we are holding consultation events. I would draw your attention to the 'Airport Expansion Consultation Document' and the 'Airspace Principles Consultation Document'. These documents summarise our work on options and approaches in both areas to date, and introduce questions on the specific issues upon which we are seeking your input.

Your feedback will inform further consultations, including a second expansion-related consultation that we expect will take place next year, where we will present detailed plans and again ask for your views before finalising our proposals.

We ask that any response to our consultations indicates clearly the grounds on which you are making representations and an address to which any correspondence relating to your response may be sent.

Your response to this consultation should be made in writing to Freepost LHR EXPANSION CONSULTATION or Freepost LHR AIRSPACE CONSULTATION or by email to [expansion.feedback@heathrowconsultation.com](mailto:expansion.feedback@heathrowconsultation.com) or [airspace.feedback@heathrowconsultation.com](mailto:airspace.feedback@heathrowconsultation.com)

Please ensure you send your response by 28 March 2018.

Expansion of Heathrow is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008 and so Heathrow is preparing an application to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order. Changes to airspace will be considered

by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) who will decide whether the change can be made based on a range of requirements set out by the CAA.

We may be required to make copies of representations available to the Secretary of State for Transport and the CAA. We will, however, request that personal details are not placed on the public record. Personal details will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of this project and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties.

We hope you will find the enclosed information useful. If you have any questions about this letter or would like to speak to one of our team, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0800 307 7996.

Please remember that all consultation responses must be sent to us by 11.55pm on 28 March 2018. Your feedback is important to us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Gilthorpe', written in a cursive style.

Emma Gilthorpe  
**Executive Director, Heathrow Expansion**