



Press Release

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Extending the runway at Heathrow, not a third runway, is the political way out for airport expansion

Zac Goldsmith has been selected as Conservative Candidate for the London Mayor election. Mr Goldsmith has said he is against a Third Runway at Heathrow.

Jock Lowe, director of Heathrow Hub, said:

“All the London mayor candidates, like us, oppose Heathrow Airport’s own Third Runway Plan. Our independent plan to extend the runway, currently being reviewed by the Department of Transport offers a political way out for all parties. The extended runway was awarded a ‘silver medal’ by Sir Howard Davies. It brings no new communities into the noise footprint, includes a noise mitigation plan and is cheaper and less disruptive to build, while still providing the new capacity required. We enjoy good relations with all the candidates and we will be writing to them to congratulate them on their selections and to reassure them that it is possible to deliver vital airport expansion without the political turmoil of Heathrow Airport’s Third Runway plan.”

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Notes to editors

Heathrow Hub is an independent proposal to expand Heathrow by extending the northern runway.

The concept:

- provides the same capacity
- can be built at a much lower cost
- is much less risky because it can be developed in phases
- avoids subjecting new populations to aircraft noise



- has a smaller land take and does not require the destruction of two villages
- includes a new roads plan to comply with air quality requirements

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