Heathrow Hub is the independent plan to increase capacity at Heathrow. We propose extending the existing northern runway westwards away from London, so there would be no need to build a third runway. The lengthened runway would then be divided in two with a 650 metre safety zone. The brainchild of Jock Lowe, Concorde’s longest-serving pilot, and shortlisted by the UK Airports Commission, it has several key advantages.

A better night’s sleep
With a longer runway, early morning landings would shift 2.5 miles to the west, reducing noise over West London.

Less upheaval
Our plan needs less land, protecting the local communities that would be destroyed by building a third runway.

It’s easy to build and could be open by 2023.

The M25 will be diverted under the runway extension – the switchover would happen with limited overnight lane closures.

Improved rail access
Our proposal includes a new plan for rail access, ensuring almost 60% of passengers arrive by public transport by 2030.

Costs are estimated to be at least £5bn less than building a third runway, keeping airport charges competitive and allowing generous compensation for those affected by expansion.

Expanding Heathrow is best for Britain’s economy
According to the Airports Commission, our plan would boost the economy by up to £214bn and create as many as 163,000 new jobs nationwide – double the benefits offered by expanding Gatwick.

To find out more, visit heathrowhub.com