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WHY BUILD A THIRD RUNWAY WHEN YOU CAN BUILD A LONGER RUNWAY?

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.

70% of the population of England and Wales would be within a 2 hour rail journey of Heathrow – the equivalent figure for Gatwick is 35%.

Better value for money for passengers

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.

The expansion would be entirely financed by the private sector without any public money.

Expanding Heathrow is best for Britain's economy

According to the Airports Commission, our plan would boost the economy by up to £21.4bn and create as many as 163,000 new jobs nationwide – double the benefits offered by expanding Gatwick.

Developing Heathrow is the compelling choice for the whole of the UK. So when it comes to the question of airport expansion, the short answer is a longer runway.

To find out more, visit heathrowhub.com

Heathrow Hub
The independent solution to airport expansion