The Airports Commission has received more than 68,000 responses in total to its public consultation on the shortlisted options for expansion at Gatwick and Heathrow. The diversity and geographical spread of respondents has been extremely wide and democratic representation has been strong at all levels: Members of Parliament and local elected representatives, as well as city, county, borough, district and parish councils, have responded in significant numbers. Groups representing local communities, business interests and the environment and heritage have also participated actively.

The Commission is now in the process of analysing all the responses to inform its final recommendations to Government, which it shall deliver this summer.

The responses to the consultation can be broken down as follows:

- Approximately 63,000 campaign responses, with the majority of responses attributable to eight substantive campaigns;
- Approximately 5,000 responses from individual members of the public;
- Over 30 responses from Members of Parliament;
- Over 500 responses from organisations, including:
  - over 180 responses from local, national and international businesses or business organisations;
  - over 130 responses from local or regional government;
  - over 40 responses from environment or heritage groups;
  - over 30 responses from academic groups;
  - over 30 responses from community action groups; and
  - over 70 responses from other representative groups.

The Airports Commission is grateful for this very high level of engagement with its consultation, and wishes to recognise the hard work that so many individuals and organisations have put into their responses. A great deal of material was published for consultation – a reflection of the complexity of the task that the Commission is engaged in – and challenging questions were put to the public. It is clear that respondents put much time and thought into their responses.

Full details of the consultation will be published alongside the Commission's final report.