



# Airports Commission Stakeholder Briefing: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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# Agenda

- Presentation (10 -15 minutes)
  - Airports Commission Background
  - Submitting Evidence and Proposals to the Airports Commission
  - Aviation Demand Forecasting Paper
- Questions (45 - 50 minutes)

# What is the Airports Commission?

- Independent Commission appointed by Government and chaired by Sir Howard Davies:
  - *to identify and recommend to government options for maintaining the UK's status as a global aviation hub*
- Commissioners: Sir John Armitt, Professor Ricky Burdett, Vivienne Cox, Professor Dame Julia King, Geoff Muirhead CBE.

# Why an Airports Commission?

- World has changed since the last Government published the Air Transport White Paper in 2003
- Independent assessment of issues
- Long-timescales for infrastructure delivery – importance of cross-party consensus

# Airports Commission Outputs

- Interim Report to Government by end December 2013:
  - its assessment of the evidence on the nature, scale and timing of the steps needed to maintain the UK's global hub status; and
  - its recommendation(s) for immediate actions to improve the use of existing runway capacity in the next 5 years – consistent with credible long term options
  - its recommendation(s) as to the credible long-term capacity options which merit further detailed development in phase 2 of the work programme
- Final Report to Government by summer 2015
  - its assessment of the options for meeting the UK's international connectivity needs, including their economic, social and environmental impact;
  - its recommendation(s) for the optimum approach to meeting any needs; and
  - its recommendation(s) for ensuring that the need is met as expeditiously as practicable within the required timescale
  - materials to support the development of a National Policy Statement

# Terms of Reference

- *the commission will examine the scale and timing of any requirement for additional capacity;*
- *identify and evaluate how any need for additional capacity should be met in the short, medium and long term;*
- *engage openly,... providing opportunities to submit evidence and proposals and to set out views.....;*
- *engage..... to build consensus in support of its approach and recommendations.*

# Work Programme

- Publishing series of discussion papers seeking stakeholder responses to develop the evidence base
  - e.g. demand forecasting; climate change; airport operating models, noise etc
- In parallel seeking proposals taking forward the development of:
  - Short and medium term options to make best use of existing capacity
  - Long term options to provide additional capacity

# Guidance Document: Submitting Evidence and Proposals to the Airports Commission

- Sets out high level principles:
  - Explains Commission approach to Airport Capacity issue
  - Sets out Commission approach to engagement
  - Notes intention to publish a series of Discussion Papers
- And requests specific proposals for short, medium and long term capacity options and the criteria to assess them



## Chapter 2: Short and Medium term options

- Seeking proposals to optimise use of existing airports and runways
- Ideas and evidence submitted to Commission by 17 May 2013
- Guidance Document sets out relevant factors:
  - Resident noise exposure; impact on GHG emissions
  - Additional capacity provided; timescale for delivery

# Chapter 3: Adding capacity in the longer term

- Starts the process of identifying long term capacity options
- Three deadlines to draw your attention to:
  - 28 February – Expressions of Intent
  - 15 March – Suggestions for sifting criteria
  - 19 July – Outline Proposals
- Guidance document sets out broad range of factors of interest to the Commission
- Assessment criteria for Phase 1 to be published in Spring 2013
- Outline proposals to be published in order that people/organisations can submit views etc

# Aviation Demand Forecasting Paper

- First Thematic Paper examining:
  - the importance of demand forecasting and different approaches to it;
  - in detail the Department for Transport forecasting model and briefly other available models;
  - the handling of international competition in modelling; and
  - dealing with the uncertainty inherent in forecasting models
- Chapter 6 asks a series of questions to which Commission would welcome stakeholder views.
- Responses by 15 March 2013 to [demandforecasting@airports.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:demandforecasting@airports.gsi.gov.uk)

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