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**Our comments relate to supporting the Heathrow North West runway option**

**The case for expanding Heathrow;**

**Only Heathrow will connect Britain to long-haul global growth**

Distant economies in Asia and the Americas are growing quickly, while traditional markets in Europe face a low growth future. Businesses all over Britain need new connections to the world's fastest growing markets. Heathrow expansion will add 40 new long haul routes.

**Only Heathrow will deliver the freight capacity Britain's exporter's need**

The decision about airport expansion is about more than passengers. Heathrow is Britain's most important freight port. It carries one-quarter of all UK exports – twice the amount of the UK's two largest shipping container ports combined. Yet Heathrow's cargo capacity on routes to the Asia Pacific is already exhausted – running at 97% capacity. If we want to double British exports we need to expand Heathrow.

**Only Heathrow will connect to every part of Britain**

Every part of the UK needs access to global markets. An expanded Heathrow will have new rail links making it easier for every part of Britain to access global markets and every part of Britain will be a more attractive location for inward investment. Heathrow will be an airport for the whole country, not just for London and the South-East.

**UK economic benefits**

The Airports Commission puts the economic benefit of expansion at Heathrow at £211bn.

**New jobs (2050)**

The Commission says expanding Heathrow could deliver 179,600 new jobs by 2050, 102,900 new jobs in London and South East.

**Direct employment at Airport (Today; baseline; expansion)**

- ✉ Today: 84,400 jobs.
- ✉ Baseline (2030): -14,000 to +3,000.
- ✉ Expansion (2030): up to 41,400 new jobs.



“Without expansion Heathrow will lose 14,000 jobs by 2030”.

## Housing

The Airport Commission’s analysis states that as a worst case scenario up to 70,000 new homes could be required in the local area as a result of expansion at Heathrow. This assumes all 70,000 new jobs created in the area go to people who are not yet resident here. It also ignores the 700,000 existing residents of Heathrow’s future one hour travel zone who are unemployed, under-employed or are commuting out of the area at present. We believe new jobs created at Heathrow will give many of these people a real chance to find work and as a result there will be little or no need for additional house building over and above current Local Authority plans.

## The Promise of Heathrow



In September 2014 Heathrow published the Promise of Heathrow which outlined the prize that awaits the UK if we take a positive decision on expansion at Heathrow. We identified how the potential expansion of Heathrow could act as a catalyst for growth and regeneration in a number of ways – tackling youth unemployment, narrowing the skills and training gap, delivering the connections that regional business to growth, increasing exports and becoming a cleaner and quieter airport.



The promise of new apprenticeships and skills; Heathrow expansion will double the number of apprenticeships across the airport to 10,000 and extend programmes to champion employability training in schools.



The promise of new jobs; Heathrow expansion will create more than 180,000 new jobs and has the potential to end youth unemployment in the five local Heathrow boroughs.



The promise of connecting every economic centre in the UK to growth; Heathrow expansion will help rebalance the UK economy by connecting all of the UK’s regions and nations to growth markets.



The promise of new trade and exports; Heathrow expansion will enable a significant increase in UK exports to close the gap between the UK and our European competitors.



The promise of a cleaner and quieter Heathrow; Heathrow expansion will keep CO2 emissions within UK climate change targets, meet local air quality limits and cut the number of people affected by noise by at least 200,000.

## Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce specifics



As the leading business organisation and campaigning voice in the Thames Valley – Heathrow is of great importance to our members.



Many international and companies from the USA have based their headquarters within the Thames Valley and along the M4 corridor.



They have done this specifically due to the location and proximity to Heathrow. In turn – many jobs are created from this decision.



In essence, Heathrow is vitally important to our members for its international connectivity affecting exports and inward investment, the number of large corporations based here and most importantly, jobs.



For example: Cisco Systems Ltd, Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, Hytera Communications Ltd, Microsoft Ltd (**who are present today**), Oxford Properties Group and Symantec UK Ltd.

Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest Chambers accredited by the British Chambers of Commerce and is recognised as the leading voice of business, representing micro to major multinational organisations; a ‘centre for excellence’ providing international trade services and global representation; committed to long-term relationships with members, and providing them with relevant, value added services that assist, support and protect regional, national and international business.

Thames Valley Group Chamber of Commerce represents members along the M4 corridor, from West London to Swindon. Indeed, the Thames Valley Group represents some 10,000 customers as part of its wider membership, and works with many economic organisations across the region. Oxfordshire Chamber of Commerce sits under this umbrella.

Yours faithfully

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