

## **NPS/AOS Steering Group**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00 – 11.30**

### **Attendees**

#### **OGDs**

██████████ - PHE  
██████████ – Treasury  
██████████ – DEFRA  
██████████ – Culture  
██████████ – Scotland Office – dialled in  
██████████ – DEFRA  
██████████ – Home Office – dialled in  
██████████ – Northern Ireland - dialled in  
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██████████ - MHCLG  
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#### **DfT**

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### **Summary**

#### **Introduction**

██████████ introduced the reason for having the meeting – hearing any cross government view on the policy clarifications and minor changes to the NPS proposed. Furthermore, clarified that all the proposed changes were relatively minor changes that served to elaborate on already existing policy and no material changes were being made to the NPS.

██████████ gave brief history of Airport commission and Airport expansion narrative.

██████████ gave context to the Transport Committee’s enquiry and updated the room on the publication of the report – giving overview of the 25 recommendations, as well as mentioning points raised by the committee that were not explicit recommendations but instead criticisms of the NPS or Department for Transport.

### **NPS revisions**

#### **Changes resulting from October Consultation**

██████████ went through proposed changes to the Revised Airports NPS that had resulted from a range of consultation responses. These changes were with regard to the following were discussed: Historic CAA work, Contaminated land, Waste and Water Framework Directives, Climate adaptation, Describing ‘good design’, Apprenticeships, Public transport use, Mitigating surface access impacts, Environmental obligations, Environmental assessment, Green Belt, Crash risk assessment and Costs and affordability.

### Changes resulting from Transport Select Committee recommendations

█ went through proposed changes to the NPS that had resulted from recommendations made within the Transport Select Committee's report. These changes were with regards to the following: relative impacts of schemes, health impacts from AQ, western and southern rail schemes, M25 works impacts, domestic route targets, CAA test affordability and financability, noise thresholds and noise respite.

On TSC Rec 5, a number of people voiced concerns about changing paragraph 5.31 so that compliance with AQ limits is deemed "likely" – please note subsequent to the meeting the DfT has proposed amended wording.

### Changes from internal observations

█ also went through proposed changes to the NPS that had resulted from internal observation. These changes were with regards to the following: Scheme map (NPS Annexe A), Airspace Policy and minor typographical errors.

### AoS revisions

Lastly █ went through very minor changes to the AoS. These changes were with regards to the following: landscapes, townscapes and waterscapes, cultural heritage, rivers and culverting. Some amendments were made to reflect consistency and to update regulations as well as updating minor typographical errors.

### Actions

#### █ (Treasury)

Send the Perm Sec (propriety) letter to Treasury in advance of sub-Committee meeting and let █ know when it has been sent (█)  
Send a list of HAL's top priorities that were highlighted in consultation response, that will not be changed or addressed in final NPS (█)  
Would like to be sighted on the updated text on affordability and costs once text cleared (█ / NPS team)

#### █ (PHE)

Would like to be sighted on any new or changed wording that comes from TSC Rec 5/6 (█ / NPS Team)  
Would like to discuss further comments on noise threshold and respite within TSC 15/18 (Noise Team)  
Would like to be looped into future cross Whitehall comms meetings and have past minutes sent to comms team. (█)

#### █

Expressed an interest on the detail of the 'new features' identified within the AOS Biodiversity Annex – should perhaps send on more detail (█ / AoS team)