



**Memorandum of Understanding between
South Bucks District Council and Heathrow Airport Limited**

- 1 Introduction**
- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is between South Bucks District Council (SBDC) and Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL). It is not a legally binding document (and is not intended to be) but is an agreement and working understanding through which the two parties agree approaches for working together.
- 1.2 The memorandum is primarily focused on the period in advance of a decision by the Secretary of State in respect of HAL's Development Consent Order (DCO) application for a new north-west runway at Heathrow Airport.
- 1.3 The parties acknowledge that further memoranda, Statements of Common Ground and agreements may be developed in advance of a decision by the Secretary of State on the DCO application, including agreements to deal with any commitments to be implemented by HAL following an approval of the DCO application.
- 1.4 The parties will engage positively and proactively with each other throughout the DCO application and examination process until the DCO for expansion is concluded by the Secretary of State.
- 1.5 This Memorandum of Understanding will otherwise come to an end if the DCO application or approval does not proceed for any reason.
- 1.6 This document will be subject to annual review so that both parties can reflect on whether it still properly meets their agreed objectives. Any amendments to the MoU will require the agreement of both parties.
- 1.7 The parties are committed to working together through membership of the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group (HSPG) acting at all times in a fair and transparent manner. The

parties acknowledge the benefits of HAL working together with all the local authorities through the HSPG.

- 1.8 The sections below include, but are not limited to, matters that are important to SBDC and on which both parties agree to consider through the DCO process for Heathrow's expansion.

2 Managing the impacts of construction

- 2.1 The District will play host to a number of infrastructure projects in the coming years. For SBDC, managing the cumulative impacts of construction is key to safeguarding the welfare of its communities.

- 2.2 HAL and SBDC will work together and proactively engage with other bodies and development projects where necessary to consider how best to manage the impacts of construction from Heathrow's expansion on local communities cumulatively with any effects from these other projects.

3 Local traffic congestion

- 3.1 HAL will work with SBDC to consider the traffic impacts of expansion through both its emerging Transport Assessment and Airport Surface Access Strategy, including consideration of mitigation strategies and measures.

- 3.2 HAL will work with SBDC to consider approaches to reducing the impact of freight traffic. This could include a consideration of the benefits of an Iver Relief Road using Heathrow models as well as considering a contribution from HAL (subject to the approach to surface access funding set out in the Airports National Policy Framework and CAA policy on surface access funding) to support SBDC in its development of the proposals.

4 Mitigating noise

- 4.1 Where available HAL will share information and data on existing and predicted noise levels in the SBDC area, subject to any safeguards necessary to protect confidentiality.

- 4.2 HAL will hold discussions with SBDC on future noise mitigation plans based on emerging airspace design proposals.

5 Improving air quality and transport links

- 5.1 HAL will continue to play its part in addressing local air quality. HAL will work with SBDC, along with other stakeholders, to develop strategies to address the airport's contribution to air quality impacts in the local communities around the airport.

5.2 These could include supporting improved public transport links in the local area, supporting others in their delivery of the Western Rail Link to Heathrow, and supporting improved cycle links.

6 Mitigating impacts on Local Communities

6.1 Communities in the southern part of the District may be adversely affected by the expansion proposals. HAL will work with SBDC and other stakeholders to ensure that any impacts are minimised and where necessary compensated.

7 Colne Valley Regional Park and green space

7.1 HAL has a clear vision to create a positive legacy of better well connected green infrastructure within the Colne Valley Regional Park.

7.2 HAL will work with SBDC, the HSPG and other stakeholders to consider opportunities for landscape enhancements in the local area.

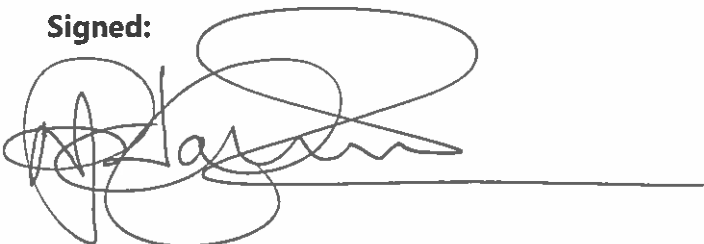
8 Protecting habitats

8.1 HAL will work with SBDC in the development of strategies to limit the potential ecological and air quality impacts in the local area that may be identified as part of the preparatory work for the DCO application.

9 Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan

9.1 SBDC (and Chiltern District Council) commits to an early review or limited alterations of the Joint Local Plan once the development /infrastructure implications and timing of Heathrow expansion proposals are known

Signed:



HEATHER, SBDC

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