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Dear Sir/Madam

Heathrow Airport – Airspace & Future Operations Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the current consultation on the airspace changes and the future operation of the runways at the airport in both a two and three-runway scenario. As the Government's statutory adviser on the historic environment, Historic England is keen to ensure that the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages of infrastructure projects such as this.

We note the inter-relationship of the airspace changes with the Development Consent Order (DCO) that is required to enable the physical expansion at the airport at ground level, both in terms of process and timetable. Historic England continues to engage with Heathrow Airport Limited with regard to the DCO and the physical, visual and noise impacts that are likely as a result of an expanded airport.

As with our response to the initial consultation on airspace changes in March 2018, it is clear that new or amended flight-paths are likely to have an effect in noise terms on the historic environment, for example through adverse impacts on those heritage assets that derive their heritage significance and/or setting from a degree of tranquillity. Conversely, amended flight paths may also have a beneficial impact on such assets through the removal or reduction of noise from over-flying as at present.

However, given the broad nature of the proposals in the consultation document, we consider it is still not possible to adequately determine either which heritage assets will be affected by the airspace changes or the consequent degree of impact.

We would again point out paragraph 5.192 of the Airports National Policy Statement, which requires detailed assessment of the likely noise impacts from the expanded airport on the historic environment as part of the DCO application process. We continue to consider that





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there would be benefits in terms of the same studies being applied once the options for airspace changes are more developed and the likely effects on heritage assets can be assessed.

I trust these comments are helpful. We would be very pleased to discuss these points further in person if that would be useful, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information in the meantime.

Finally, please note that this advice is based on the information provided to us and does not affect our obligation to advise on, and potentially object to any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from these documents, and which may have an adverse impact on the historic environment.

Yours faithfully

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