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Our comments relate to the Heathrow North West runway option

The case for expanding Heathrow is clear;

**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.

Further Comments:

Yours faithfully,

Signed:

**Business Response:**

**Individual Response:**