



## Press Release

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# Heathrow Hub says there is clear evidence today that Heathrow Airport is the future

- **Jock Lowe says clear evidence that Heathrow is the future, Gatwick relying on “spin”**
- **Qatar Airways’ next generation of quiet aircraft now at Heathrow**
- **Vietnam Airlines to move from Gatwick to Heathrow**

Heathrow Hub, the independent proposal to expand Heathrow by extending the northern runway, welcomes today’s announcements from Heathrow Airport Ltd.

Jock Lowe, Heathrow Hub director, said: “This is an important time for Heathrow because what we have been saying is now being clearly demonstrated with evidence everybody can understand. This is in contrast to Gatwick, which is running a spirited campaign, but seems to rely heavily on spin.

“First, the arrival of the new A350-XWB aircraft and its departure this afternoon means people can see for themselves that the next generation of aircraft is indeed quieter. Second, the announcement that Vietnam Airways is to move from Gatwick to Heathrow and today’s strong emerging market passenger statistics demonstrate that Heathrow is where the long haul passenger demand is. As far as both inbound and outbound passengers to the entire UK are concerned, they would rather use Heathrow.

“Unlike most people, I have actually spent a portion of my life trying to make Gatwick work, as BA’s general manager at Gatwick. Gatwick serves an important niche very well, but it is simply in the wrong place. The Airports Commission is doing a good job and I am sure they understand this.”

[Heathrow Airport Welcomes the latest generation of Qatar Airways’ quiet aircraft](#)  
[Heathrow traffic and business commentary December 2014](#)  
[Heathrow welcomes Vietnam Airlines to the UK’s only hub airport](#)

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**Notes to editors**

Heathrow Hub is an independent, proposal for an integrated air and rail facility that doubles Heathrow's capacity and creates new opportunities for noise mitigation. The brainchild of Jock Lowe, the longest serving Concorde pilot, it envisages extending the northern runway and has been shortlisted by the Airports Commission. For more information and to view the online version of our advert, please visit: [www.heathrowhub.com](http://www.heathrowhub.com)