



## Press Release

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# Heathrow Hub shortlisted by Airports Commission in its Interim Report

Heathrow Hub's independent proposal to extend the northern runway at the airport to at least 6,000m, enabling the runway to be split and operate as two independent runways, has been shortlisted by the Airports Commission in its interim report on the future of Britain's airport capacity.

The interim report examined potential solutions to a forecasted lack of runway capacity in the South East of England by 2030; the Commission will subsequently look into solutions required by 2050.

Jock Lowe, the longest serving Concorde pilot and one of those behind the Heathrow Hub concept, said:

"We are delighted to have been shortlisted by the Airports Commission. This is an important endorsement of our innovative solution to Heathrow expansion.

"The Commission have conducted a thorough and transparent process and we look forward to a continuing dialogue with them and other stakeholders as they undertake a detailed appraisal before a public consultation in autumn next year.

"We will also continue to advocate the extension and splitting of the southern runway; and the development of an integrated rail and passenger facility north of Heathrow in order to create an integrated hub airport for the whole country.

"We would like to emphasise that our proposal is not only the cheapest on offer, it also has the most comprehensive noise reduction strategy."

## Note 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.

For more info, including the submission to the Airports Commission, the safety case and the report 'Double Up On Heathrow' published by the influential Centre for Policy Studies, please visit: [www.heathrowhub.com](http://www.heathrowhub.com)