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RE: Application by Heathrow Airport Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Expansion of Heathrow Airport (Third Runway) EiA Scoping consultation.

We write in response to your letter seeking the views of Surrey Heath Borough Council on the information to be included in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will be submitted by Heathrow Airport Limited as part of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the proposed expansion of Heathrow Airport, to involve the construction and use of a third runway and associated facilities.

It is recognised that at this stage there is no preferred masterplan, and multiple design options remain under consideration. Consultation on the scoping opinion would have been preferred after the masterplan had been agreed so that the full impact of the plans could be considered.

Surrey Heath acknowledges that the exact flight paths are not known at this stage. However, this is a key concern for the Council, as it limits the ability of the proposal to identify the specific areas likely to be impacted by the noise and air pollution impact. A precautionary approach to considering the noise, pollution and vibrational impact should therefore be undertaken based on indicative flight paths and likely scenarios should therefore be undertaken prior to finalising.

The geographical extent of the study area in respect of Biodiversity also needs to consider the potential air pollution impact associated with traffic movements on areas such as the European Sites (Thames Basin Heath SPA). Any offsetting opportunities may be required to be delivered in Surrey Heath to offset the specific impact in the borough.

The scope of the Air Quality assessment should also include the AQMA's contained within the Borough that are linked to the air quality implications of traffic accessing and using the strategic road network.

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Head of Built Environment & Regulation

Duly authorised on his behalf