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Sent: 04 March 2026 15:56

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Subject: RE: PINS Ref: TR020003 - Application by Heathrow Airport Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Expansion of Heathrow Airport (Third Runway) - EIA Scoping Consultation [FFW-DOCS.FID9040979]

Dear Mr Cannings

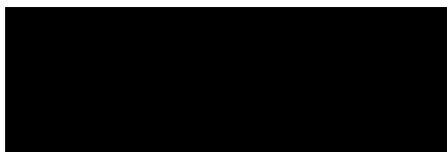
Thank you for your email.

The Planning Inspectorate does have the capacity to consult non-prescribed consultation bodies for EIA scoping as set out on our advice page on EIA notification and consultation (to which you have referred). We acknowledge your response below

setting out your position. However, based on the guidance within our advice page which identifies a limited number of non-prescribed consultation bodies, we have determined not to use our discretion to consider BPA, WL or UKOP as a non prescribed consultation body for the purposes of EIA scoping. As such, we will not be publishing your response as a late scoping consultation response. As noted below, the scoping opinion for this project has been adopted by the Secretary of State; this is in line with the EIA Regulations which require a scoping opinion to be adopted by 42 days after a valid request has been received. We do not have the power to alter the scoping opinion once it has been adopted unless we receive a further request for another scoping opinion.

Please note that production of a scoping opinion is a technical process designed to inform the matters that the applicant must assess and document within an environmental statement to be provided with the application. It is not the consultation for the proposed development as required by the Planning Act, which BPA, WL or UKOP can engage with. BPA, WL or UKOP can also submit comments directly to the applicant at any point using the contact details on the project web page. If the application is accepted for examination, there will be an opportunity for BPA, WL or UKOP to register as an interested party and make representations to the panel of inspectors appointed to examine the case. Please be assured that the capacity of BPA, WL or UKOP to participate in the wider planning consultation on the project has not been affected.

Kind regards
Hannah



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 February 2026 17:20
To: Expansion of Heathrow Airport (Third Runway)
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

We continue to act on behalf of The British Pipeline Agency Limited ("**BPA**") as agents for West London Pipeline and Storage Limited ("**WL**") and United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited ("**UKOP**"). We write further to your correspondence below of 4 February 2026.

Whilst it is noted that BPA/UKOP/WLPS are not a prescribed consultation body under pursuant to section 42(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008 (the "**PA 2008**"), we refer to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation, last updated on 25 March 2025. That guidance outlines that the Inspectorate may consult additional bodies on a discretionary basis and may employ its judgment as to whether they should be consulted based on if they have relevant functions and responsibilities similar to identified bodies under the EIA Regulations.

We also refer to Annex 2 to Advice on Environmental Impact Assessment Notification and Consultation which states that "*applicants are encouraged to consult a broad range of appropriate organisations during the pre-application stage and when preparing the Environmental Statement*".

As set out in the BPA's letter of 3 February 2026, WL is the owner of the 8" and 10" Buncefield to Longford/Heathrow pipelines and the 10" Longford to Walton Pipeline (the "**Pipelines**"). The Pipelines comprise nationally critical fuel assets critical to National energy security but which are not referred to in the Environmental Scoping Report ([TR020003-001028-2025 Scoping Opinion.pdf](#)) or the HSE Response to the Scoping Report ([Late scoping consultation response](#))

Whilst WL/UKOP are not statutory undertakers, the Pipelines do as mentioned above comprise critical national fuel Infrastructure and it is therefore imperative that they be kept operational and safe on a 24/7 basis (including through any periods of construction). As such, we respectfully request that WL/UKOP ought to be considered, and consulted, on the same basis as any statutory undertaker given that damage to or interruption of the Pipelines could materially endanger national fuel supplies and potentially also the public and the environment.

The Government's guidance on linear infrastructure projects (published 27 February 2025) emphasises the need for early, transparent and collaborative engagement with all affected parties and the requirement to actively collaborate to consider alternatives .

We therefore respectfully request, on behalf of BPA as agents for WL and UKOP that the Planning Inspectorate exercise its discretion to take into account responses from BPA/WL/UKOP notwithstanding their role as a non-prescribed consultation body or individual

Yours faithfully

Fieldfisher



From: Expansion of Heathrow Airport (Third Runway)

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Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 11:26 AM

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Dear Mr Cannings

Thank you for your email which we acknowledge receipt of.

As you know, Heathrow Airport Limited asked the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for its opinion (a Scoping Opinion) as to the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement (ES) relating to the proposed development. To inform the Scoping Opinion, the Planning Inspectorate consulted with the prescribed consultation bodies. The Planning Inspectorate, under the terms of Regulation 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), has a duty to consult:

- a body prescribed under section 42(1)(a) (duty to consult) of the Planning Act 2008 and listed in column 1 of the table set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 [(as amended by the Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024)] where the circumstances set out in column 2 of that table are satisfied in respect of that body;
- the Marine Management Organisation, where the proposed development would affect, or be likely to affect, areas specified in section 42(2);
- each local authority that is within section 43 (local authorities for purposes of section 42(1)(b));and
- if the land to which the application, or proposed application, relates or any part of that land is in Greater London, the Greater London Authority.

The Planning Inspectorate also has a duty to notify certain bodies under Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations of their duty under the EIA Regulations to make available to the Applicant information they possess which is considered relevant to the preparation of the

ES.

The Planning Inspectorate can also exercise its discretion in choosing whether to take into account responses from non-prescribed consultation bodies or individuals. The position that the Planning Inspectorate takes on consulting non-prescribed bodies is described in our Advice Page '[Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation - GOV.UK](#)'.

The Scoping Opinion was adopted on 10 October 2025. The Planning Inspectorate publishes late consultation responses from prescribed or identified non-prescribed consultation bodies, however based on the above, the Inspectorate did not consider BPA, WL or UKOP to be either a prescribed consultation body or one of the non-prescribed bodies. Should you consider that BPA, WL or UKOP should be a prescribed consultation body then please set out your reasoning for our consideration.

The Applicant has its own duty to undertake a wide consultation to inform its Application under the Planning Act 2008. If you have comments on the scope of the ES, I encourage you to make these available to the applicant if you have not already done so.

Should any individual or body wish to make any comments they can become involved in the Planning Act 2008 process in a number of ways. I refer you to our Advice Pages, which are available on the Advice page collection on [gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-infrastructure-planning-advice-notes](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-infrastructure-planning-advice-notes)

I hope this information has been helpful.

Kind regards

Hannah

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 February 2026 16:10

To: Expansion of Heathrow Airport (Third Runway)
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Importance: High

[REDACTED]
Dear The Planning Inspectorate

We act on behalf of The British Pipeline Agency Limited ("**BPA**") as agents for West London Pipeline and Storage Limited ("**WL**") and United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited ("**UKOP**").

Please see attached a consultee letter, sent on behalf of BPA together with the "Schedule 1" HSE Representation in relation to the EIA Scoping Consultation (Project Reference: TR020003)

Please kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

Yours faithfully

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