



Airlines vindicated by Transport Committee over concerns of costs and risks to passengers from Heathrow expansion

23 March 2018 – Today's report on the Airports National Policy Statement from the Transport Select Committee has been welcomed by the Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BAR UK) as vindicating concerns put forward by airlines over inadequate safeguards for passengers and airlines from cost over-runs, risk, and increased charges, with Heathrow expansion.

Dale Keller, chief executive of BAR UK said "The Transport Committee have undertaken a robust scrutiny of the Airports NPS and we welcome their conclusions that expanding Heathrow is the right choice for the country, provided that it can be delivered to meet the needs of Heathrow's primary customers - passengers and airlines.

"We are satisfied that the Committee upheld airline concerns that a blanket night ban pre-empted the DCO process and community consultation on alternative, and potentially more favorable, outcomes that should be determined through joint working between airports, airlines and communities. We also welcome the recommended condition that airport charges be held flat in real terms as significant for passengers, despite falling short of the passenger charges guarantee that airlines had sought.

"We look forward to working with the Government on amendments to the Airports NPS that should finally unlock years of delay on delivering a bigger, better, and affordable Heathrow for the UK."

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The Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BAR UK) presents the widest international voice of the airline industry; representing 70 scheduled airlines in the UK in their engagement with government, government departments, regulators and airport operators.

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