



Airlines welcome long awaited decision on runway capacity

25 October 2016 – Airlines have welcomed the long awaited decision on additional runway capacity following today's Government announcement that development should proceed at Heathrow.

The Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BAR UK), representing 70 airlines, has been calling on the Government to end the years of uncertainty, and to move forward with urgency since the final report by Sir Howard Davis' Airports Commission was released last July.

Dale Keller, chief executive of BAR UK said "We welcome that a decision has finally been made to allow an additional runway at Heathrow, and yet for us this is simply the beginning and the real work starts now. We look forward to engaging closely with the Government and Heathrow Airport Limited during the public consultation and National Policy Statement process that follows, to ensure that the new capacity can be financed without pre-funding by today's passengers and be delivered on-time and at a cost that is affordable to airlines and the travelling public.

The environmental criteria set out by the Government within a package of mitigation measures is world leading and not without challenges. Airlines continue with their own investments in new technology which is already delivering significant environmental gains and now, along with that, the industry supports a balanced approach to airport expansion that benefits communities, passengers, airlines, airports and the UK economy.

The new runway will deliver further vital connectivity for the whole of UK's economy in an increasingly globalised world."

- Ends -

Notes to Editors

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 dealings with government, government departments, regulators and airport operators.

Full details can be found on www.bar-uk.org

For further information contact:

Dale Keller
Chief Executive
BAR UK Ltd
Mobile: 07740 174 815
E-mail: dale.keller@bar-uk.org

Follow us on twitter www.twitter.com/BAR_UK