

Dear All,

Following an informative meeting with the Howard Davies Airports Commission last week, I feel it incumbent upon me to advise you that the view of Surrey County Council is "that the Council recognises the pre-eminence of Heathrow and Gatwick as hub airports and would resist any reduction in the activities of these airports".

In order to support this pre-eminence, there is, arguably, a need for one additional new runway within reasonable distance of London by 2030, and another by 2050.

The options, by 2030, are these: at Gatwick a complete new runway; at Heathrow a complete new runway or an extension of an existing runway. The Commission rejects the proposal of a new airport in the Thames estuary (commonly known as "Boris Island").

An additional runway at either airport could possibly create 100,000 new jobs (perhaps 50,000 more people moving to the area), thus probably imposing on the surrounding counties a need for additional housing, infrastructure, highways, transport and improved general communications.

The Commission, however, welcomes your views and these can be expressed by logging on to www.gov.uk/airports-commission where more information is available. The consultation period ends on 3rd February 2015.

I have already received the opinions of a few residents in my division and would be pleased if you would let the Commission have yours, copied to me. Furthermore, it would be of interest to me to know the views of your residents, to whom you may wish to circulate the content of this email.

Regards,

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