

SASIG Meeting: 16th November 2017

Item 7: Discussion of how SASIG Should Respond to Revised draft NPS and further consultation – 24th October 2017

Introduction

On 24th October 2017 the Government published its revised draft Airports National Policy Statement. The revised draft Airports National Policy Statement sets out:

- the need for additional airport capacity in the south-east of England;
- why government believes that need is best met by a north-west runway at Heathrow Airport;
- the specific requirements that the applicant for a new north-west runway will need to meet to gain development consent.

The change log summarises revisions made to the draft Airports National Policy Statement since February 2017. Further details including the link to the document can be seen [here](#).

Consultation

On the same day the Secretary of State, Chris Grayling, made a [written statement to Parliament](#) outlining the next steps for airport expansion including a further consultation on the revised draft Airports National Policy Statement. This consultation will close on 19th December 2017. (The initial consultation ran between 2nd February and 25th May 2017). Further details on this further consultation can be seen [here](#).

SASIG needs to take a view on whether and how it wishes to respond to this new consultation, taking into account the representations it made to the initial consultation, which the new one says remain valid and do not need to be repeated.

Recommendations

- **That SASIG should respond again to the new consultation, drawing attention to its previous comments and adding new ones;**
- **Based on the feedback at the meeting, the Secretariat will determine whether a separate workshop session to discuss the content of that response in more detail is needed.**
- **The Chairman and CAG are delegated to sign this off on SASIG's behalf.**