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## **Zack Polanski AM** **Chair of the Environment Committee**

Thomas Woldbye  
Chief Executive Officer  
Heathrow Airport  
(Sent by email)

24 March 2025

Dear Thomas,

I am writing as Chair of the London Assembly's Environment Committee to follow up on a letter that the Committee sent to Heathrow airport in May 2023. In this letter, we asked for an update on Heathrow's internal review on expansion options, and how environmental and health factors were being considered.<sup>1</sup>

In response, we received a letter from Nigel Milton, then Chief of Staff and Carbon, in June 2023. This set out that the internal review on options was expected to be completed by the end of 2023. It also stated that Heathrow "will provide an update to the Committee on expansion when we have further information to share."<sup>2</sup>

Given the recent announcements by the government around support for a third runway at Heathrow airport in January 2025,<sup>3</sup> we are keen to hear from Heathrow with your promised update. I would be grateful if you can share with us the findings of your expansion review, including how noise, air quality and climate impacts are being considered, and how it relates to wider airspace modernisation plans.

Yours,

**Zack Polanski AM**  
**Chair of the Environment Committee**

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<sup>1</sup> London Environment Committee [Heathrow letter](#) May 2023

<sup>2</sup> [Correspondence received from Heathrow Airport to Environment Committee](#) June 2023

<sup>3</sup> UK government [Government backs Heathrow expansion to kickstart economic growth](#) 29 January 2025