

Let Britain Fly

The Runway Decision

We have been making the case for
expanding airport capacity in London
and the South East for 3 years.

Here is why it's time to Let Britain Fly.

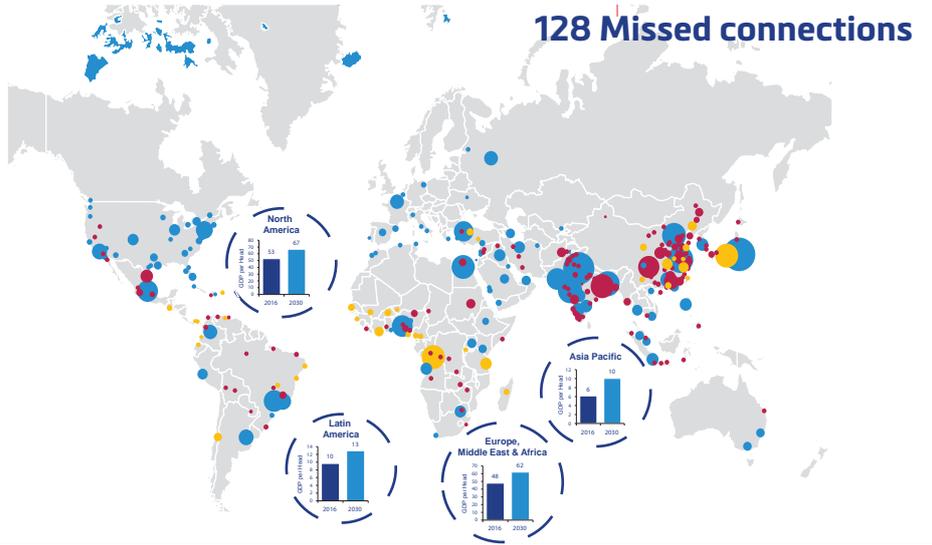
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Proving the case for expansion



Since 1990, the number of domestic destinations served at least weekly from Heathrow Airport has fallen from 19 to 8.

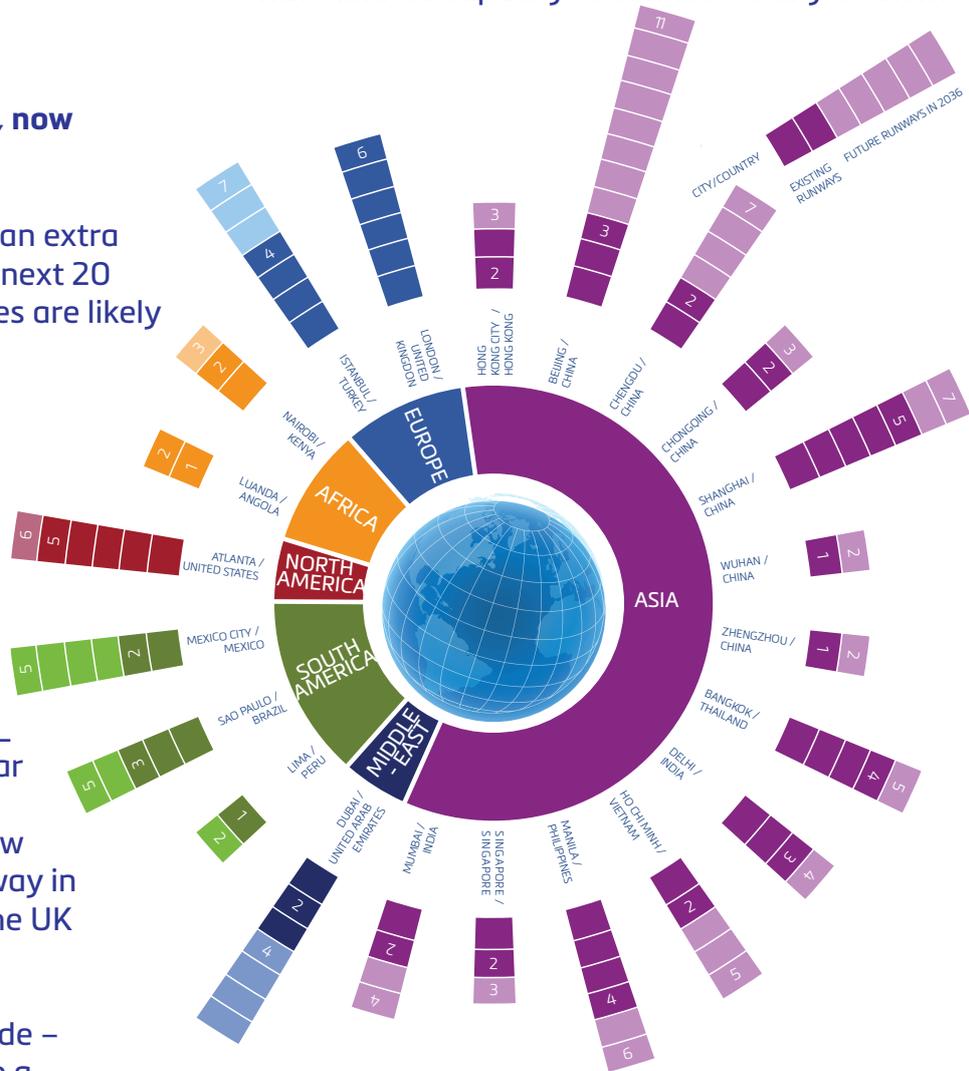


In 2016 London is still not connected to 128 of the biggest cities in the world. Other European hubs already reach 32 of them, and the problem is only going to get worse. By 2030 there will be 77 more cities with populations of over two million, and London will have limited capacity to connect to any of them.

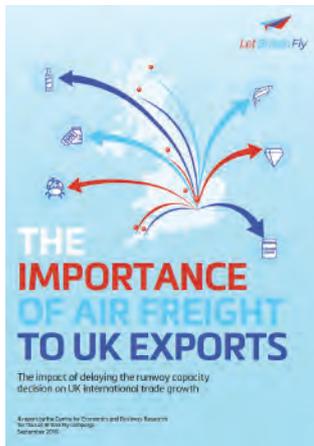
Runways across world's major cities, now and in 2036

The world's airports are planning for an extra one billion passenger journeys in the next 20 years. By 2036 the world's major cities are likely to have built over 50 new runways.

Emerging economies are leading the drive for airport expansion with the UK at risk of being left behind. Dubai has recently overtaken Heathrow as the world's busiest airport.



For every year that passes without a new London runway in operation, the UK loses out on £9.5bn of potential trade – equivalent to a loss of £1.1m per hour.





Depth of support

The Launch of Let Britain Fly - November 2013

Panel: Baroness Jo Valentine (London First), Graham Brady MP, John Allan CBE (London First, Barratt Homes & Tesco), Rebecca Kane Burton (O2), Louise Ellman MP



SNP Conference Reception: 'Let Scotland Fly' - 2015

Speakers: Alex Salmond MP, Fiona Hyslop MSP



Conservative Party Conference 2015 Liam Fox MP



Parliamentary Reception - March 2015

Stephen Gilbert MP, Graham Brady MP and Louise Ellman MP

Regional Roundtables
With 116 business supporters in Newcastle, Newquay, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast & Exeter



One year on from Airports Commission - June 2016
Frances O'Grady, TUC & Lilian Greenwood MP speaking

Pledges signed by MPs at Labour Party Conference 2015
Mary Glendon MP, Cllr. Tris Osborne, Angela Eagle MP

Business Lunch with Ed Balls - March 2015
Ed Balls: 'we need to take a swift decision on airport capacity after the next election'





Galvanising support

Advertising at Westminster tube - November 2013

Getting the message in front of MPs



I pledge to let Britain fly!

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Let Britain Fly founding statement

Signed by 136 chairmen, chief executives and senior partners of some of the UK's largest firms

Regional open letters to ministers - 2014-16

Co-signed by Let Britain Fly supporters, including local MPs, Chambers of Commerce and businesses from Liverpool, Cornwall, Scotland and the North East



Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Thursday 21 July

Dear Chris,

FINAL DECISION ON AIRPORT EXPANSION IN LONDON AND THE SOUTH EAST

We are writing to express our concern regarding the latest delay in making a final decision on airport expansion.

It has now been over a year since the Airports Commission published its final report and while each of the schemes shortlisted was considered a credible option, unanimously concluded a new runway at Heathrow presents the strongest case. This followed two and a half years of examining the evidence by a team of experts, at a cost of millions of pounds to the tax-payer. Yet we still don't have a final decision on the runways' location.

It is clear that the EU referendum result creates a new urgency for another runway, with the need to quickly secure new connections and trading partnerships with growth economies, such as Brazil and China. If we are to have a coherent plan for Britain to chart its future relationship with Europe and the world, then fast-tracking a new runway must be front and centre of such a plan.

Furthermore the decision to build a new runway is not just about London and the South East. It is one that affects the economic prosperity of the nations and regions of the UK, including Northern cities like Liverpool.

We care about this issue because we believe it is critical to the future of Liverpool's place in the world as a trading city and in ensuring we can better connect with the rest of the globe. Whilst Liverpool John Lennon Airport is fortunate to have a number of connections to other European hub airports, it is notable that we currently have no connections to any London airport.

Having connections into our capital city from our nearest local airport is something we believe our city region would benefit from hugely, in terms of the economic opportunity it would provide to create better connectivity to both national and global markets.

Indeed if delivered in the right way, with additional capacity used to boost the number of flights to and from Northern cities, we believe airport expansion in London and the South East could become an integral part of the government's Northern Powerhouse vision to boost economic growth in the North of England.

We therefore urge that the Government now makes rapid progress and that a decision on airport expansion should be one of the top priorities of the new Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Hayes, Director, Let Britain Fly (on behalf of the following signatories)

- Louise Eliman MP
- George Howarth MP
- Derek Twigg MP
- Conor McGinn MP
- Stephen Twigg MP
- Jenny Stewart, Chief Executive, Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
- Kath Boullen, CEO, St Helens Chamber of Commerce
- Robert Hough, Chair, Liverpool City Region LEP
- Jo Anderson, Mayor of Liverpool
- Pete Radcliffe, Branch Chair, IoD Liverpool
- John Syvrat CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Cammell Laird Shiprepairers & Shipbuilders
- Max Steinberg CBE, Chief Executive, Liverpool Vision
- Bob Pratley, Chief Executive, ACC Liverpool
- Gerald Andrews, Finance Director, ACC Liverpool
- Andrew Cornish, CEO, Liverpool John Lennon Airport
- Cllr Rob Polhill, Leader, Halton Council
- Elain Bowker, Principle and Group CEO, The City of Liverpool College
- Enda Rylands, Chairperson, Southport BID and Chairperson, Southport Business Tourism Steering Group
- David Brewitt, Managing Director, Carpenter Investments
- Peter Nears, Strategic Planning Director, Peel Group
- Brian Kenny, Regional Director, Rathbones
- Cllr Malcolm Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Transport & Climate Change, Liverpool City Council
- Lorna Tyson MBE, Owner and Manager of Mere Brook House
- Steve Pearce, Chairman, Friends of Liverpool Airport
- Chris Bliss, Estate Director, Liverpool One
- John Sutcliffe, Managing Director, Sutcliffe
- Mick Whitley, Regional Secretary, Unite the Union
- Cllr Barrie Grunewald, Leader, St Helens Council
- Cllr Wendy Simon, Assistant Mayor & Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism & Events, Liverpool City Council

International connectivity is essential to business - September 2014

SEGRO, Radisson Edwardian & Harrods warn the government that the UK risks falling behind our rivals if a decision on expansion is not taken quickly after the Airports Commission reports.



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COO, Radisson Blu Edwardian



David Sleath
CEO, SEGRO



Michael Ward
Managing Director, Harrods

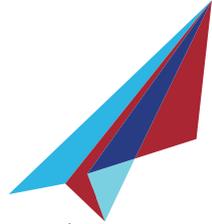
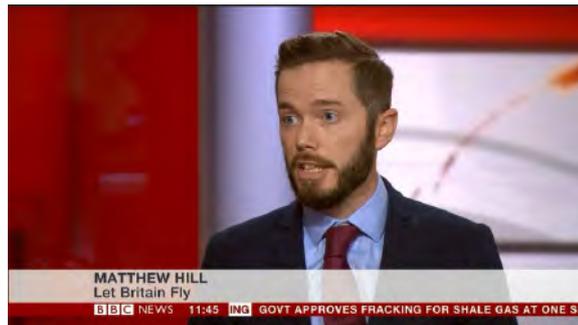


Making the case in the media

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MPs' FURY OVER AIRPORT DELAY

Harrods boss calls for decisive action over London airport capacity

Plans for extra runway at Gatwick or Heathrow close to take-off as public signals support



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Airport expansion is vital for London's prosperity – but politicians still do nothing

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Gavin Hayes
Gavin Hayes is director of Let Britain Fly.

Politicians must pledge action on airport expansion now – and end 40 years of failure

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Sir George Iacobescu
Sir George Iacobescu CBE is chairman and chief executive of Canary Wharf Group and sits on the Leaders' Group of Let Britain Fly.

Business groups call for decision on new airport runway

Exclusive: Stop dithering over airport capacity, business leaders tell politicians

Let Britain Fly has enlisted 10 business figures to make video appeals for more airport capacity

Letters: Without Heathrow expansion, our global competitors will edge ahead

Business leaders encourage the Government to press ahead with a third runway at Heathrow