

The BTA stands firmly behind calls for regulatory reform at Britain's primary aviation hub.

“The BTA has long advocated for enhancements to Heathrow’s infrastructure to ensure the UK remains competitive on the global stage. We therefore welcome this Heathrow Reimagined campaign as a vital step forward in ensuring it continues to stand as a world-class travel hub.

As the Chancellor remarked in her last speech, 15 million people who travel for work used the airport in 2023 alone. A well-connected, efficient Heathrow is essential for business travel, trade, and the wider economy if Heathrow is to remain the country’s sole hub airport.

However, this ambition must not come at the expense of passengers – many of whom are travelling for work – many UK businesses are already face rising costs and increased operational overheads. It is crucial that any investment in Heathrow is managed responsibly, ensuring that improvements are not simply passed down through increased passenger charges. The BTA urges a clear and fair cost strategy that protects travellers while delivering the modernised infrastructure Britain desperately needs.

We look forward to working with Heathrow, airlines, hotels and wider industry stakeholders to ensure that the expansion strengthens the UK’s global connectivity without creating unnecessary financial burdens for those who rely on it.”

**Attributed to Clive Wratten, CEO of the BTA**