

COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS SELECT COMMITTEE

Item under consideration:

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON HEATHROW AIRPORT EXPANSION (Item 9)

Date Considered: 19 September 2019

Key points raised during the discussion:

- The Select Committee raised concerns around the lack of meaningful engagement and detailed information from Heathrow Airport on traffic impacts, air quality, construction waste management, flood risk and Heathrow's proposals to manage growth.
- Concern was also raised on Heathrow's lack of strong support for a Southern Rail Access which would provide stronger public transport links for Surrey residents and beyond travelling to Heathrow airport.
- The Select Committee recognised the need for the council to review expansion in light of the climate emergency declared in May 2019.

Recommendation:

The Select Committee endorse Surrey County Councils response to the Heathrow Airport expansion consultation and express concern over a lack of detailed information and commitment from Heathrow Airport Limited. The Select Committee urges Cabinet to reconsider their position in regards to the Heathrow Airport expansion if the council does not receive satisfactory responses from Heathrow Airport Limited.

Cllr John O'Reilly

Chairman of the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee

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