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Dear Sirs

EXPANSION OF HEATHROW

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body of the United Kingdom representing conservation specialists and historic environment practitioners in the public and private sectors. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

The Institute welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation and wishes to respond to Question 2 only. The Institute does not normally comment on individual proposals which we would wish to see determined in accordance with normal planning procedures. However, in this case, the process for considering environmental impacts is proposed to cover only the limited range of interests set by the Government.

The Institute is concerned at the impacts the proposal might have on historic assets. As we understand the proposals, a number of listed buildings would have to be demolished and a number of others would be severely compromised. In addition, flight paths from the proposed new runway would pass over historic parts of London, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire not previously affected by aircraft noise. The Institute believes that this might be detrimental to the heritage value of those areas and be a cultural loss to the nation as a result.

The Institute believes it to be important, therefore, that all environmental and cultural impacts of the proposal are carefully assessed, not just those already set by Government. We wish to see a full environmental impact assessment undertaken.

Yours faithfully

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