



LBA's reaction to Aviation Strategy launch

The Government has today launched a call for evidence for a new Aviation Strategy.

The public are being asked to have their say on how this vital sector should respond to a range of technological, security, environmental and customer service challenges.

It also looks at how the Government can support future growth in an industry which directly supports 240,000 jobs and contributes at least £22 billion to the UK economy each year.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said:

“Aviation is central to our future prosperity as we leave the European Union. As a global, trading nation we want to build on the great industry we have today and create opportunities for people up and down the country

“Our new aviation strategy will look beyond the new runway at Heathrow and sets out a comprehensive long-term plan for UK aviation. It will support jobs and economic growth across the whole of the UK.

“Our vision puts the passenger at the heart of what we do, but also recognises the need to address the impacts of aviation on communities and the environment.”

David Laws, Chief Executive at Leeds Bradford Airport, said:

“It’s encouraging that an updated Aviation Policy is being released and we are hopeful that its publication will be a catalyst for the growth and importance of the sector to be recognised.

“One of the key areas which Leeds Bradford Airport is working with stakeholders to deliver is improvements to surface access. Addressing such issues, as well as external factors including Brexit, is essential for the aviation sector to continually thrive and underpin the economy. Air connectivity is vitally important to the UK and to Yorkshire; we therefore look forward to seeing this policy delivering outcomes in the industry which will help to support growth and development.”

For more information about the Aviation Strategy call for evidence, visit

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/631036/aviation-strategy-call-for-evidence.pdf

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