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CECA: Heathrow Expansion Still The Best Means Of Closing Airport Capacity Gap

Civils contractors today said that further delays to closing the UK's airport capacity gap are "regrettable", following the Court of Appeal's ruling against Heathrow expansion.

Commenting, Director of External Affairs for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: "Further delay to solving the UK's airport capacity gap is regrettable.

"CECA has long supported Heathrow expansion as the best means of addressing the lack of airport capacity which is holding the UK's economy back.

"We are disappointed that there will now be further delay to addressing this situation.

"Heathrow have said that they will make an appeal to the Supreme Court on today's decision, and on the basis that they set out how they plan to deliver a low-carbon outcome for the scheme, we hope they are successful.

"The £14 billion expansion plan was to have been entirely privately funded at no cost to the taxpayer. Aviation is crucial to the economy, and yet lack of airport capacity is currently costing UK plc £1.2 billion per annum.

"The UK must close the airport capacity gap if we are to continue to be a dynamic global gateway, and succeed as global Britain outside the European Union."

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Notes to Editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.

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