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**Subject:** General Aviation response - consultation on the Airports National Policy Statement : new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the south east of England

Dear Sir/Madam

This is the General Aviation response to the DfT consultation on the Airports National Policy Statement : new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the south east of England

#### The General Aviation Alliance

The General Aviation Alliance (GAA) is a group of organisations representing the interests of many in the UK General Aviation (GA) industry. It was formed in 2004 to address the need for co-ordinated response to UK regulatory issues.

Members of the GAA include; British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC); British Gliding Association (BGA); British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (BHPA); British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA); British Parachute Association (BPA); Helicopter Club of Great Britain (HCGB); Light Aircraft Association (LAA); PPL/IR Europe – European Association of Instrument Rated Private Pilots; Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom (RAeC). The GAA coordinates about 72,000 subscription paying members of these bodies.

#### Our Comments

As an air sport representative organisation, our primary interest is that in developing airport capacity in the south east, the Government takes into consideration General Aviation and ensures the needs of General Aviation are addressed. We refer to;

1. The DfT General Aviation Strategy March 2015 at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/417334/General\\_Aviation\\_Strategy.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417334/General_Aviation_Strategy.pdf)
2. Our response to the DfT consultation 'Reforming policy on the design and use of UK Airspace'
3. Our submission to the Transport Committee inquiry 'Airspace Management and Modernisation' at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry1/publications/>.

Yours sincerely

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