## Heathrow Airport

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To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what assessment he has made of the potential effect of expansion of Heathrow airport on flood reservoir capacity in (a) Berkshire, (b) Surrey and (c) the surrounding areas. [189708]

Dan Rogerson

Dan Rogerson:No assessment has been made as yet of the potential effects of any of the proposals set out in the Davies commission's interim report. However, DEFRA, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been represented on the commission's Sustainability Reference Group, which has supported the commission's work on the development of the appraisal methodology to be applied to the shortlisted options. This includes the need to assess key impacts, including on noise, air quality, biodiversity, water supply and flood risk, and is underpinned by an ecosystems services appraisal approach. The commission published the draft methodology for consultation and the final methodology will be published later in the year. The final assessment of the shortlisted options will be undertaken by the commission, independent of Government.

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