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Dear Paul,

Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) Network Statement, 2026

I am writing to conclude ORR's review of HAL's latest Network Statement, as required of us under *The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016* ("the 2016 Regulations").

We commented on your provisional version, on which you consulted between November 2024 and January 2025, and have reviewed your *Network Statement 2026*, published in February 2025. As with last year, your early engagement prior to your consultation on the statement was very helpful.

We note in particular your prompt responses to our comments and the changes made reflecting the commitments you made as part of our discussions on your 2026 Network Statement. You have made the changes we suggested and in view of that that we have no further comment on this edition.

The 2016 Regulations require that a Network Statement is published not less than four months before the deadline for applications for infrastructure capacity. We note that your publication this year missed this deadline, but thank you for your commitment to work in accordance with this requirement in future years.

We look forward to engagement on your 2027 Network Statement later this year. In line with our commitment to transparency, we will publish this letter on our website.

Yours sincerely

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