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Tuesday 23 July 2002

**BAA INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION DOCUMENT  
TOWARDS THE AVIATION WHITE PAPER**

BAA plc, the world's leading airport company, welcomes the Government's decision to look at the UK's airport capacity for the next 30 years, and the Secretary of State's statement that doing nothing is not an option.

Mike Hodgkinson, chief executive of BAA plc said; "We firmly support the creation of new airport capacity in the South East. Air transport is vital to the economy, currently contributing over £10 billion to GDP and generating over half a million jobs. It is also crucial to the success of the UK's global, knowledge-based industries such as financial services, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. We cannot afford to let other countries with expanding airport facilities attract our UK based businesses abroad, because of a lack of investment in the UK's aviation infrastructure.

"However a decision on capacity cannot be made on economic grounds alone. The options will have significant environmental impacts which will have to be addressed. We believe that air transport should be allowed to grow, providing it meets its external costs, mitigating or compensating for any environmental impact. The challenge presented by the Government's paper is to achieve the balance.

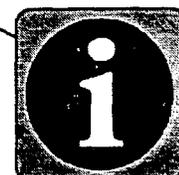
"We will now take the time to review the options from a technical point of view and will not comment further on them, until we have had time to consider all the implications and listened to the views of our stakeholders."

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**Notes to Editors:**

Copies of the consultation document are available from the Department for Transport [www.airconsult.gov.uk](http://www.airconsult.gov.uk)

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