

# Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request

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## Your request:

Hello,

My name is [name redacted].

I would like to request information held by the CCC with regards to the impact on the climate that would follow from an expansion of Heathrow Airport by means of adding/approving a third runway.

In particular, I would like access to:

1. Any report or study produced by the CCC, or alternatively distributed within the CCC, that assesses the environmental impact that would flow from approving any expansion in capacity at Heathrow, including but not limited to the approval of a third runway;
2. Any report or study produced by the CCC, or alternatively distributed within the CCC, that evaluates the impact that the approval of a third runway at Heathrow would have on the UK's ability to meet its Net Zero targets and, in particular, the current Net Zero budgets falling within the CCC's purview;

In addition, I would like to request:

1. Any correspondence and/or reports sent by the CCC to the government (including but not limited to the Treasury, the office of the Chancellor, the Department for Energy and Net Zero and the Department for Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs) in the past five years in which the CCC addresses the climate impact of a third runway at Heathrow, including the UK's ability to meet Net Zero targets and budgets falling under the CCC's purview.

Please can the response to this request be sent to my email address: [email redacted]

Please do not hesitate to ask for any clarification to my request, and note that I am willing to disaggregate the two requests above should they, in combination, exceed the £600 processing cost limit.

Thanks in advance,

[name redacted]

## Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

1. **Any report or study produced by the CCC, or alternatively distributed within the CCC, that assesses the environmental impact that would flow from approving any expansion in capacity at Heathrow, including but not limited to the approval of a third runway**

CCC aviation analysis considers UK-wide aviation demand rather than exploring the environmental impact of an airport's individual expansion, so we have not produced a study or report specifically on Heathrow expansion.

You can find our recommendations on airport capacity expansion in the CCC's [Sixth Carbon Budget](#) advice and annual mitigation [Progress Reports](#) between 2021 and 2024.

The following reports have been shared within the CCC, which assess the environmental impact of expansion at Heathrow:

[Heathrow Third Runway-Environment Impact Assessment](#)

[Environmental Impact of Heathrow](#)

[Carbon: further assessment](#) - available here: [Airports Commission final report: carbon - GOV.UK](#)

2. **Any report or study produced by the CCC, or alternatively distributed within the CCC, that evaluates the impact that the approval of a third runway at Heathrow would have on the UK's ability to meet its Net Zero targets and, in particular, the current Net Zero budgets falling within the CCC's purview**

The CCC has not produced a report or study that evaluates the impact of a third runway at Heathrow on the UK's ability to meet its Net Zero targets.

You can find our recommendations on airport capacity expansion in the CCC's [Sixth Carbon Budget](#) advice and annual mitigation [Progress Reports](#) between 2021 and 2024.

The CCC does not hold any reports which have been shared within the CCC which evaluate the impact of a third runway at Heathrow on the UK's ability to meet Net Zero.

**3. Any correspondence and/or reports sent by the CCC to the government (including but not limited to the Treasury, the office of the Chancellor, the Department for Energy and Net Zero and the Department for Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs) in the past five years in which the CCC addresses the climate impact of a third runway at Heathrow, including the UK's ability to meet Net Zero targets and budgets falling under the CCC's purview.**

The CCC does not hold any correspondence and/or reports sent by the CCC to the Government in the past five years, in which the CCC addresses the climate impact of a third runway at Heathrow.

Information disclosed in response to this EIR request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIR and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on the CCC website, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the CCC website.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. In keeping with our transparency policy, the information released to you will be published on [www.theccc.org.uk](http://www.theccc.org.uk). Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards,

Climate Change Committee