

To: London Airline Consultative Committee (LACC), Heathrow AOC Limited and other stakeholders

By email

15 November 2024

Dear stakeholder

**RESPONSE TO EXTENSION REQUEST TO CAP 3044 (DRAFT H8 METHOD STATEMENT AND BUSINESS PLANNING GUIDANCE)**

On 6 November 2024, we published the Draft H8 method statement and business planning guidance (CAP 3044). We are consulting and seeking views on all parts of this document, including the draft method statement, business plan incentive, business plan guidance and FTI report on cost of capital.

We requested responses to the consultation on the draft method statement, business plan incentive and business plan guidance by 17:00 on 6 December 2024. In relation to the cost of capital, the FTI report and the specific questions identified in chapter 2 on the cost of capital, we requested responses by 17:00 on 3 January 2025.

On 8 November 2024, we received a letter from the Heathrow airline community<sup>1</sup> requesting an extension to the date for responses on all matters covered in CAP 3044 to 15 January 2025, allowing for an 8-week consultation period (excluding the Christmas break).

We have carefully considered this request and the impact of the possible extensions on the wider H8 process and next steps. While we note a number of the points in the airline request around the benefits of the extension for the quality of airline responses, our statutory duty to further the interests of consumers means we need to limit flexibility to make sure we are able to set the H8 price control in a timely manner.

On this basis, we confirm that we are allowing the following extensions to the deadlines previously set for submitting responses to this consultation.

**For responses to the consultation on the draft method statement, business plan incentive and business plan guidance, we are extending the deadline by 5**

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<sup>1</sup> The London Airline Consultative Committee (LACC) and Heathrow AOC Limited.

**working days, so we are now requesting responses by 17:00 on 13 December 2024.**

**For responses on the cost of capital, the FTI report and the specific questions identified in chapter 2 on the cost of capital, we are extending the deadline by 8 working days, so we are now requesting responses by 17:00 on 15 January 2025.**

As set out in the consultation document, please submit your responses to [economicregulation@caa.co.uk](mailto:economicregulation@caa.co.uk). If you would have any questions related to the consultation or this letter, please contact Stewart Carter at [stewart.carter@caa.co.uk](mailto:stewart.carter@caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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