

British Airways view on “Expansion of Hong Kong International Airport into a Three-Runway System and its related impacts on the environment”

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As an airline operator, British Airways in general supports the proposal of expanding Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) into a Three-Runway System.

Our understanding is that existing runways in HKIA currently operating under effective and segregated mode and have a practical of maximum 68 movements per hour runway capacity and this is expected to be reached by 2019 – 2022.

We recognize that airport expansion can have an impact on the local environment so we are fully committed to working closely with the airport to minimize any environmental impacts in particular relating to aircraft noise, local air quality and effective management of waste.

I recommend that Third Runway project should proceed as soon as practical to allow sufficient time to have it built in time before reaching HKIA’s runway capacity, through active consultation with its end users. Failure to do it will restrict further economic growth in Hong Kong and risk HKIA’s leading hub position among the Asia Pacific regional airports in due course.

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