

9<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## **Notice on amendment to consultation proposal on future structure of airport charges**

Dear Colleague,

Firstly I would like to thank you for your participation in the consultation process to review the future structure of airport charges. Following the consultation meeting on 4 June 2015 we informed the airline community that Heathrow was in the process of reviewing and assessing airline responses to the consultation proposal. We have now assessed all views and this notice informs you of an amendment to the original consultation proposal.

The amended proposal continues to incentivise the quietest and cleanest aircraft to operate at Heathrow whilst our UK passenger discount helps support regional connectivity and the EU passenger discount incentivises higher load factors. Heathrow believes its proposal best meets the objectives and plans to retain the key elements of the original proposal but will take account of feedback during the consultation by amending the following:

1. Implement the proposal on 1 January 2017 rather than 1 January 2016 to provide our customers more time to plan for any necessary changes to respond to the incentives within the proposed structure of charges.
2. The minimum departure charge for all flights will be based on the existing level of charge of £1,406 per departure rather than the proposed separate Domestic, EU and Non-EU minimum charge.

We welcome any formal responses to the amended proposal from the airline community by 23 July 2015 to take into account before announcing our final decision on 3 August 2015. In addition to the consultation on the structure of charges, many of you expressed a desire to explore the benefit of bi-lateral agreements, which we will explore with you further.

We are grateful for your engagement during the consultation and the feedback on our proposals, which we have carefully considered when amending our proposal. If you would like further information, please contact me directly or Andy Garner at [airline\\_relations@heathrow.com](mailto:airline_relations@heathrow.com).

Yours faithfully



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