

## Heathrow Expansion

**Potential Timeline** 

## **Process**

- 1. Heathrow submit proposals to Government July 2025.
- 2. Government review proposals against Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS).
- 3. If proposal is similar and only minor changes required then ANPS stands and will be amended accordingly.
- 4. If substantial changes then ANPS process would have to be restarted.
- 5. At this point Government would undertake assessments of economic and environmental impacts and costs.
- 6. By the end of 2025, an amended ANPS to be laid before Parliament (best case scenario).
- 7. If ANPS process restarted then could be another 12-18 months and would require a new parliamentary vote.
- Once amended or new ANPS approved then Heathrow would need around 12-18 months to prepare their application including public consultation on their plans, before they can submit to the Planning Inspectorate.
- Planning process expected to take approximately 10 months including public inquiry before final decision.
- Then a 3-6 month window for judicial review before final approval by Secretary of State for Transport.

## **Indicative Timeline**



Minor amendments to ANPS

November 2025

Amended ANPS laid before Parliament

December 2025

Amended ANPS

designated (after 21 sitting days - doesn't require a vote)

January 2026

ANPS process would restart with new draft

Substantive

amendments to ANPS

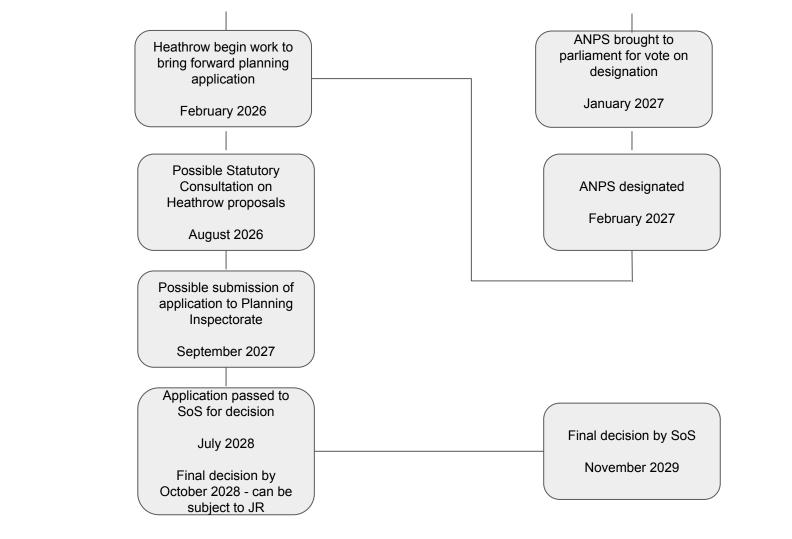
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**ANPS** 

Public Consultation on revised draft ANPS

June/July 2026



## **DCO Process & Timeline**

