

Heathrow Expansion

Timeline

April 2026

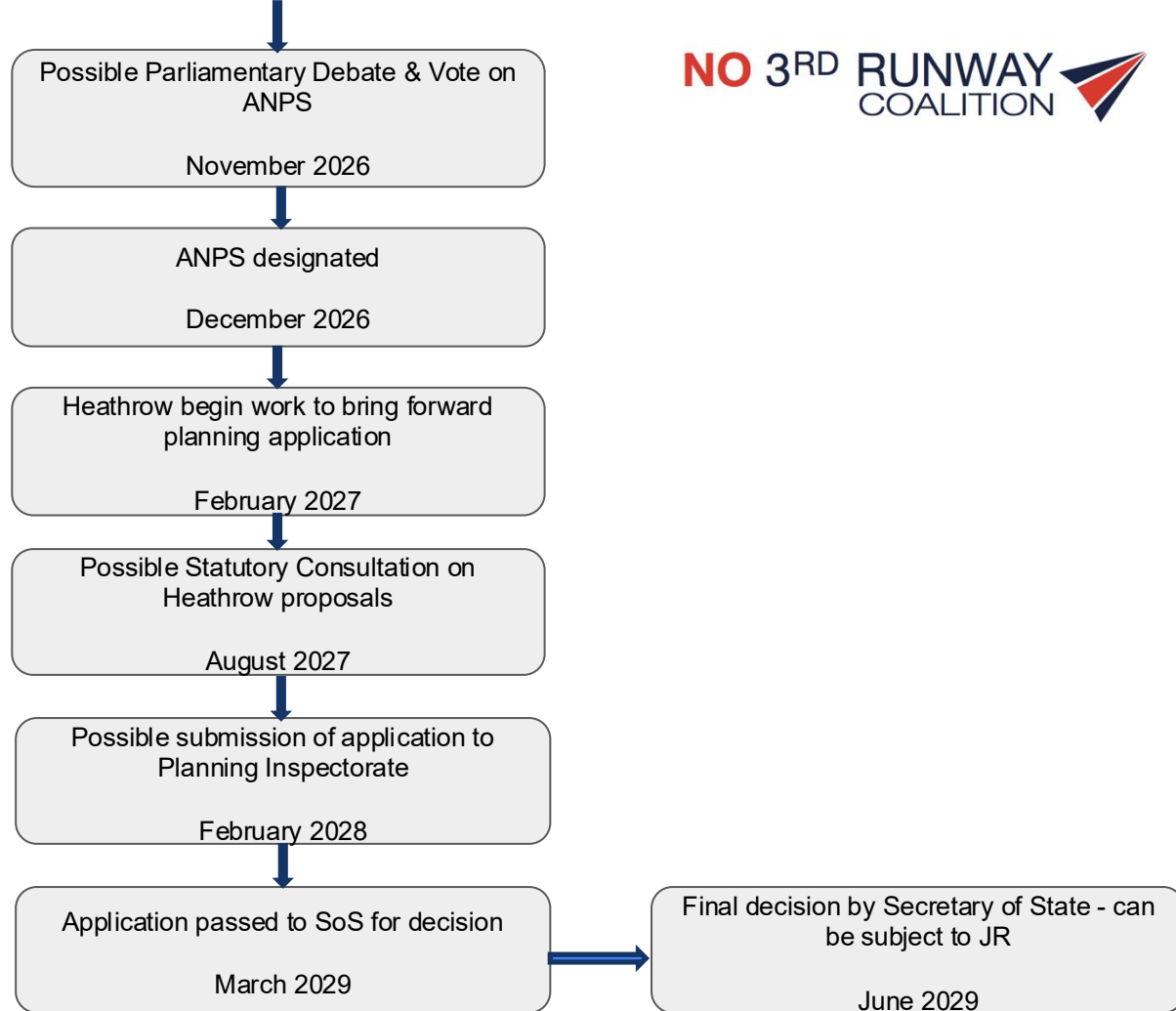
Process

1. Government launches ANPS review in October 2025 and confirm preferred scheme in November 2025.
2. CAA working paper on economic regulation for Heathrow expansion launched (Nov 2025) - to be completed by Summer 2026. Next draft expected in April 2026.
3. Draft ANPS to be published and public consultation launched (July 2026)
4. CCC advice on ANPS (Summer 2026)
5. Parliamentary scrutiny of ANPS via Transport Select Committee inquiry into (Q3 2026).
6. Potential parliamentary vote on amended ANPS (expected by end of 2026).
7. If new ANPS approved then Heathrow would need around 12-18 months to prepare their application, including a public consultation, before they can apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate.
8. Planning process expected to take approximately 10 months including a public inquiry before final recommendation.
9. Then a 3-6 month window for JR before final approval by Secretary of State

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DCO Process & Timeline

