



# Press Release

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## **CECA: Luton Expansion Will Contribute Growth, Jobs, & Connectivity**

Civils contractors today said that the decision to give the green light to the expansion of Luton Airport will drive economic growth, create jobs, and boost connectivity.

It has been announced today that the London Luton Airport Expansion scheme [has been granted development consent](#) by the Secretary of State for Transport.

The airport's expansion will allow for a permitted cap of 32 million passengers per annum from its current maximum of 18 million, and include expansion of terminal capacity, additional taxiways and other transport infrastructure, and other associated development.

Commenting, Director of Operations for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: "Industry will welcome this decision as a decision in favour of growth and of building a brighter future for businesses and communities.

"CECA has argued for many years that closing the UK's aviation capacity gap is a prerequisite to ensuring that Britain remains globally competitive and continues to be an attractive place to live, visit, and do business.

"The expansion of Luton Airport will add as much as £1.5 billion to the economy in additional GDP and will create thousands of highly skilled, well-paying jobs.

"We look forward to working with CECA members, the Government, and other stakeholders to ensure the benefits of airport expansion at Luton - and elsewhere - are subject to no unnecessary further delays, so that the UK's aviation sector can become a thriving part of our national infrastructure, rather than operating at the limits of its capacity, as it has done for many years."

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#### Notes to Editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.

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