

Air provision in the South East

As demand for air provision from passengers and freight is predicted to almost double over the next 15 years, this event will debate what can be done to keep London and the South East of England at the heart of air travel in Europe.

Our first speaker, Lord Soley, who is Campaign Director for Future Heathrow, will speak on the options for creating more capacity at London's airports. He believes that development can and must be consistent with the new environmental targets set by the government.

Michelle Di Leo, our second speaker, is the Director of Flying Matters, the national campaign for flying which, as a membership organisation, represents the interests of business, trade unions, tourism groups as well as food producers. She will look at how the government's new policy on aviation could affect UK plc.

Colin Stanbridge, Chief Executive of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be contributing to the debate with views from his membership.

With the number of passengers travelling through London airports predicted to grow from 140 million to 250 million by 2026, how do we accommodate this demand? Can the demand be capped without harming the economic output of London and South East England? This debate will look at new initiatives such as the possible runway hub off the Isle of Sheppey and the proposed third runway at Heathrow Airport and how our leaders can balance economic success, investment in new infrastructure and sustainability issues.

Lord Soley

Clive Soley is currently Campaign Director at Future Heathrow. He has a long career in national and West London politics. Elected to the House of Commons in 1979 (for Hammersmith, later Ealing, Acton and Shepherds Bush), Clive served as front bench spokesperson on housing, planning, local government home affairs and Northern Ireland during Labour's years in opposition. He was also chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party from 1997 to 2001.

As a serving peer and resident of West London, Clive has first hand knowledge of the importance of Heathrow to the local and wider community, as well as its environmental impact. He believes that growing capacity at Heathrow will maintain its position as a major European air hub but wants to see responsible development of the airport.

Michelle Di Leo

Michelle Di Leo is currently the Director and one of the founders of FlyingMatters, an organisation which campaigns on aviation issues, such as the proposed new government taxes on flying. The organisation campaigns on a number of issues important to the aviation industry and would like to ensure that within the public debate, proper account is taken of the economic and social benefits of aviation.

Prior to setting up FlyingMatters, Michelle was a partner for a strategic communications consultancy working for trade unions, charities and private business.

Colin Stanbridge

Colin Stanbridge became Chief Executive of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry in November 2002. He is responsible to the Board for all aspects of the Chamber's work.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Colin was Managing Director of Carlton Broadcasting, the London weekday ITV Company from 1996, having joined Carlton as Controller of Regional Affairs in 1993.

Representing 2500 members, the Chamber supports the further development of London's City airport and further development at Heathrow benefiting business connections.

**The breakfast will take place in
London Transport Museum's
Cubic Foyer from
8.00–10.00 on Monday 12 July**

The delicious breakfast, served in our Upper deck cafe includes hot smoked Wiltshire bacon rolls, bagels with London smoked salmon, power shots such as cucumber, parsley and celery, pots of natural yoghurt with fruit & nuts, honey and muesli accompanied by freshly brewed coffee, tea and fresh orange juice.

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