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RAeS Budget Submission: Chancellor must prioritise plan of action for additional runway capacity

In its submission to the 'Emergency' Budget, the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) has urged the Chancellor to use his speech on 8th July to set out the process by which the Government will implement the Airports Commission's final recommendations on the location of additional runway capacity in the south east.

The independent Commission is expected to issue its final report to Ministers by the end of June, ahead of the July Budget, giving the Treasury the chance to immediately set out a timeline of activity that will show how and when the Government will go about turning the recommendations into a lasting solution.

Simon Whalley, Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the RAeS, said: "A significant strategic concern is the uncertainty over approval and delivery of additional airport expansion in the south east, which continues to deprive the UK of vital connections.

"While supportive of the Airports Commission process and its exhaustive approach to finding a deliverable solution, the Chancellor has the perfect opportunity with his Budget speech to provide industry and the public with the confidence that a Government decision will be made as swiftly as possible by setting out a detailed plan of action to deliver the Commission's final proposals.

"Aviation infrastructure underpins the functioning of a successful, growing economy, enabling goods and people to move freely and efficiently around the UK and across the globe, and facilitates innovation. Plans for the UK's physical infrastructure are still inadequate to support a modern, globally competitive economy and additional runway capacity in the south east will be a vital means of addressing this."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The [Royal Aeronautical Society](http://www.aerosociety.com) (RAeS) is the world's only professional body dedicated to the entire aerospace community. The Society promotes the highest professional standards in all aerospace disciplines; provides specialist information; acts as a central forum for the exchange of ideas; and plays a leading role in influencing opinion on aerospace matters. Visit www.aerosociety.com for more information.
2. Simon Whalley is available for further comment and interview.
3. A copy of the RAeS' full July 2015 Budget submission is available from the RAeS press office

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