

**Q1 What conclusions, if any, do you draw in respect of the three short-listed options?**

South West Trains supports the principle of the Southern Rail Access (SRA) irrespective of whether the expansion of Heathrow takes place or not. This however must be considered against the need to ensure that any additional services on the Wessex route must be practically integrated within our existing network capability.

Any proposals must deliver a workable timetable which considers the implications of the longer down times of level crossings especially between Richmond and Barnes.

**Which of the shortlisted runway options, if any, do your comment(s) relate to?**

Heathrow North West Runway

Heathrow Extended Northern Runway

**Q2 Do you have any suggestions for how the short-listed options could be improved, i.e. their benefits enhanced or negative impacts mitigated?**

Under the Gatwick proposals no mention has been made of the possible electrification of the Gatwick to Reading (via Guildford) which is discussed in the Network Rail Wessex Route study currently out to consultation.

Electrification of this route would result in performance, passenger and economic benefits across the whole region.

**Which of the shortlisted runway options, if any, do your comment(s) relate to?**

Gatwick Second Runway

**Q4 In your view, are there any relevant factors that have not been fully addressed by the Commission to date?**

Network Rail have carried out a 'Southern Rail Access to Heathrow Market study' report which should be considered by the commission as part of the review of evidence for supporting the Southern Rail Access (SRA).

The commission should also be aware that a number of other SRA studies are currently being carried out by London Borough's looking at options from Heathrow to Hounslow and Feltham as well as Staines.

**Q8 Do you have any other comments?**

The commission has made no mention of who would operate a SRA train service.

It is our belief that as the current train operator on all possible affected routes, any SRA service should be included and integrated within the South West Trains timetable and franchise.

**Which of the shortlisted runway options, if any, do your comment(s) relate to?**

No Airports Selected.