



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	Heathrow Development Consent Order Environmental Technical Work Package
Reference No.	2026/1815
Date of decision	Thursday 22 October 2026
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 29 October 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Heathrow Villages / All Wards

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Steve Tuckwell, Leader of the Council
	Agreed That the Leader of the Council: 1) Approves the award of a contract to Savills to provide specialist environmental consultancy support in relation to the Heathrow Development Consent Order process at a total contract value of up to £315,413. 2) Agrees the release of £315,413 from the Heathrow Reserve to complete the assessment, noting Cabinet ratification of this fund in October. 3) Notes the Leader's long-standing delegation to "make all necessary decisions in pursuit of the Council's policy on Heathrow Expansion..." 4) Delegate changes to the contract to respond to emerging technical requirements to the Director for Planning and Sustainable Growth.
Reason for decision	The Leader of the Council made the decisions to ensure that the Council had access to the specialist technical expertise required to support its involvement in the Heathrow Development Consent Order process. The appointment would enable technical evidence to be reviewed and inform the Council's representations, including consideration of appropriate mitigation and safeguards.

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Alternative options considered and rejected	The Leader considered undertaking the DCO work using existing in-house resources, but this was rejected due to the level of specialist expertise and capacity required to undertake the necessary technical scrutiny alongside existing workloads. Doing nothing was also rejected, as this would have limited the Council's ability to review and respond effectively to the DCO proposals and to seek appropriate mitigation. External specialist support was therefore considered the most appropriate option.
Classification	Part 2 – Not for Publication
Link to associated report	Exempt - Not for Publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Ian Thynne, Residents Services
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

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When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Thursday 29 October 2026</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>

Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>
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