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Exeter and Devon Airport Limited (EDAL) response to 'Applying spectrum pricing to the Aeronautical sector: A second consultation'

In response to '*Applying spectrum pricing to the Aeronautical sector: A second consultation*'. We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

Exeter and Devon Airport is a member of the Airport Operators Association (AOA) who are trade association that represent the interest of British airports, they are opposing the proposals under separate cover in detail, EDAL contributed to the response and have nothing further to add other than to highlight the key points in support of the AOA response.

The key points being

- EDAL strongly oppose the proposals put forward in this consultation.
- Aviation spectrum is mandated internationally to ensure the safety of aircraft. These proposals would have a detrimental effect on the safety of UK aviation.
- The basis of the proposals is flawed. Any spectrum released by AIP will be handed back to the EU aviation pool.
- The proposals do not align with the Government's principles of Better Regulation.
- The cost of the proposals will disproportionately impact on smaller airports who will be unable to pass this cost through due to long term contracts with airlines.

In particular we remain opposed to the imposition of any new costs during a difficult time for the airline and airport industry, especially when the benefits are not clear.

Yours sincerely,

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