

01 Welcome

Birmingham Airport is the Midlands' principal international airport, supporting trade, investment, tourism, employment and global connectivity across one of the UK's largest catchment areas.

Our draft Master Plan sets out how the Airport could grow to 2041, making best use of existing runway capacity while enhancing passenger facilities, surface access, environmental performance and community benefits. Growth will be delivered responsibly, with sustainability, collaboration and community engagement at its core.

Our Vision is to be the Midlands' gateway to the world, unlocking economic prosperity and opportunity through the sustainable development of our infrastructure; delivering exceptional connectivity for people, businesses, and communities.

What we are consulting on:

We are seeking feedback on the proposed vision, objectives and growth strategy set out in the draft Master Plan, including how the Airport can support:

- needs of passengers, businesses and local communities;
- economic growth for the region;
- sustainability; and
- connectivity.

As the Master Plan is still being developed, this is an opportunity for you to help shape its direction.

We welcome views from all our stakeholders to help inform the Master Plan, which will be finalised in **early 2027**.

Thank you for your participation.



02 Our Airport today

2018 Master Plan

2020 COVID-19 shock

Today: recovery and renewed ambition

A CHANGED OPERATING CONTEXT
Travel demand, policy, infrastructure and regional growth opportunities have evolved significantly.

COVID-19 SLOWED GROWTH
Travel restrictions caused an unprecedented fall in demand, making growth slower than anticipated in 2018.

DEMAND HAS REBOUNDED
Birmingham Airport is now handling more passengers than in 2019.

THE TRAFFIC MIX HAS SHIFTED
Strong low-cost growth to Europe, more Middle East hub connections and fewer UK regional flights following the collapse of Flybe.

FEWER MOVEMENTS, GREATER OPPORTUNITY
Larger, cleaner aircraft carry more passengers with fewer annual movements – supporting environmental benefits and better use of the full-length runway.

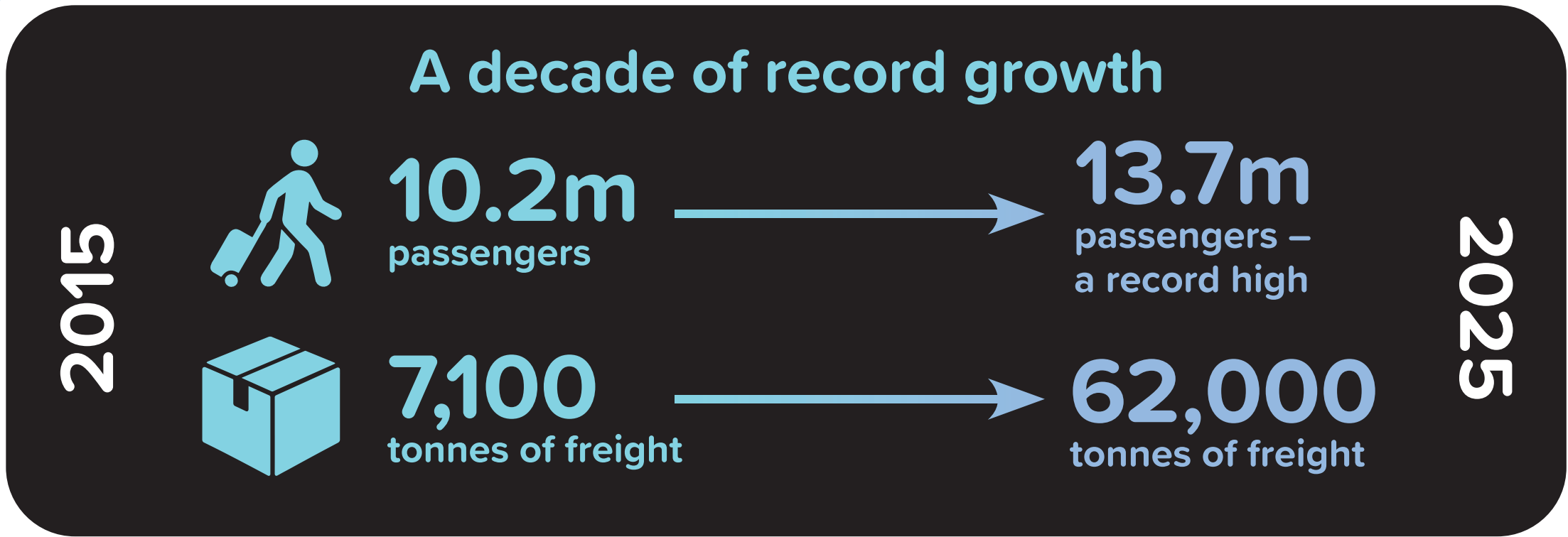
PEAKS REQUIRE MORE SPACE
Demand is more concentrated at peak times, increasing the need for terminal and apron capacity.

AT THE HEART OF REGIONAL INVESTMENT
HS2, Arden Cross, UK Central and the NEC strengthen Birmingham Airport's role as the international gateway to the Midlands – and support renewed ambition for sustainable growth.

Since opening in the 1930s as Elmdon Airport, serving a handful of domestic and European destinations, the Airport has evolved into one of the UK’s most important international gateways. It serves millions of passengers, and connects businesses, investors, visitors and communities to destinations across the UK and the world.

Why a new Master Plan is needed

The assumptions that informed our 2018 Master Plan have been overtaken by changes in travel demand, evolving national, regional and local policy, progression of regional infrastructure and the emergence of new growth opportunities across the West Midlands. A new Master Plan is needed to reflect these changes and help guide the Airport’s growth over the next 15 years.



A GROWING ECONOMIC FOOTPRINT
£1.3bn across the West Midlands Region – more than double the real-terms contribution of 2015 from the operation of the Airport.

SUPPORTING JOBS
9,300 people employed on site and approximately 20,000 jobs supported across the West Midlands – up around 60%.

GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY
Around 31 airlines, 145 direct destinations and more than 650 one-stop destinations.

A DIVERSE PASSENGER BASE
12% travel for business. 13% were foreign visitors to the region in 2025.

TOTAL IMPACT ACROSS THE WEST MIDLANDS REGION
£3.6bn in GVA and up to 55,000 jobs supported through connectivity, trade and investment in addition to the operation of the Airport.

A MAJOR CATCHMENT
9.2m live within a one-hour drive; 13.3m within 90 minutes – more than one fifth of England and Wales.

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PLANNING FOR THE REGION TO 2041
The Master Plan considers how Birmingham Airport can continue to serve the Midlands as demand and the aviation market evolve.

03 Our Future

The Airport will play an increasingly important role in supporting connectivity, trade, tourism and investment across the Midlands over the coming years.

The Airport is located within the UK Central Hub, one of the UK’s largest regeneration and investment opportunities, encompassing the Airport, the National Exhibition Centre, Arden Cross and the HS2 Interchange Station. The Airport also sits within the East Birmingham and North Solihull Growth Zone, and we are working closely with key stakeholders associated with these opportunities.

Our ambition is to deliver sustainable growth that supports the prosperity of the region while responding to environmental challenges and unlocking greater opportunities for our communities. This is closely aligned with the vision set out by the Mayor of the West Midlands, Richard Parker, and the West Midlands Growth Plan, which seeks to create a stronger, more productive and inclusive economy through investment in people, places, transport, innovation and growth.





By 2041, the Airport could:
30 million
Serve up to 30 million passengers per annum (mppa)
(compared to 13.7 mppa in 2025)



180,000
Facilitate around 180,000 annual aircraft movements
(compared to under 100,000 in 2025)



90,000
Handle around 90,000 tonnes of cargo
(compared to approximately 62,000 tonnes in 2025)

A coherent, connected site
Our aim is to accommodate growth as far as we can within our existing site, making best use of our existing runway, facilities, buildings and assets. However, this draft Master Plan considers additional areas of land that may be required to accommodate the anticipated growth.

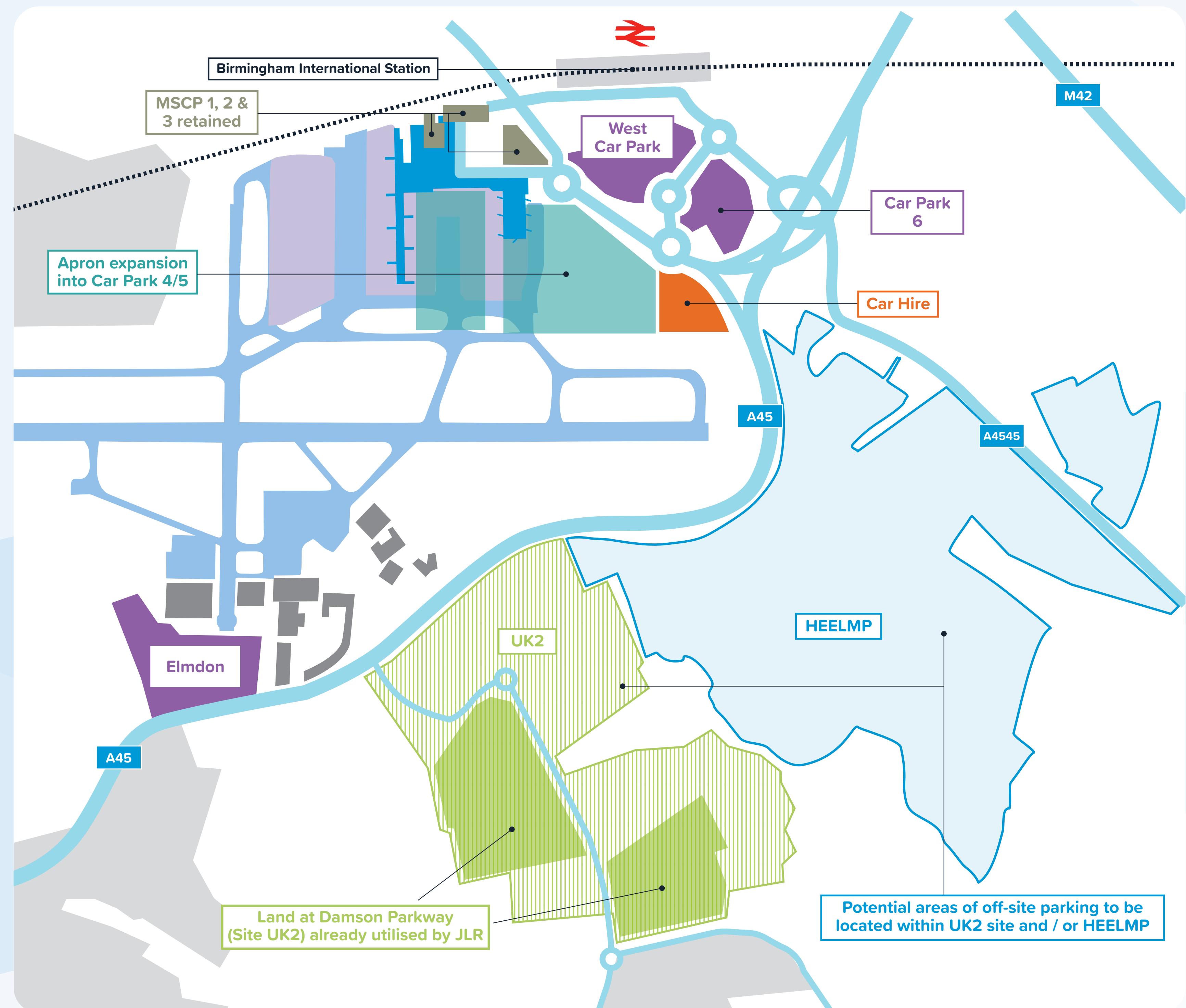
04 The proposed 2041 Master Plan

The draft Master Plan provides a strategic framework for the Airport to grow sustainably and responsibly to 2041 in a phased approach. It responds to growing passenger demand, the evolving aviation market, the Airport's role in the Midlands' economy and national and regional growth objectives.

It seeks to achieve:

- enhanced passenger terminal facilities;
- increased aircraft stand capacity and airfield infrastructure, including operational, ancillary and support facilities;
- improvements and changes to surface access provision to reflect impacts of terminal expansion and accommodate passenger growth, including stronger connectivity across all modes of transport;
- alterations and enhancements to energy, waste and utility related infrastructure;
- embedded mitigation and areas of land for Biodiversity Net Gain, potentially including use of land outside of the current operational boundary.

Together, these improvements will support future growth while helping maintain an efficient, resilient and well-connected Airport.



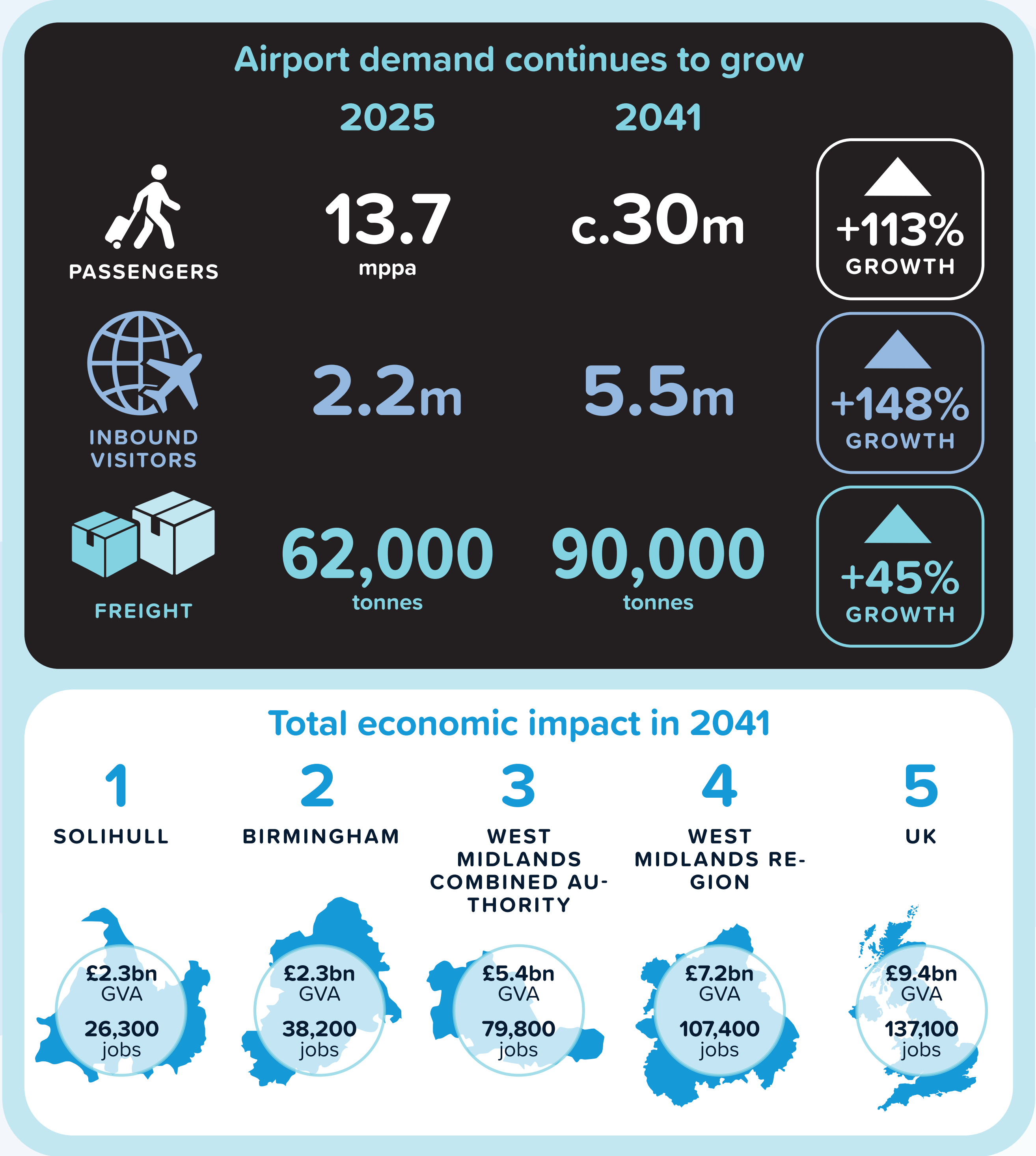
05 Birmingham Airport 2041



06 Delivering economic growth and benefits

The Airport's economic impact is expected to increase as the number of passengers using it grows. The following figures show the expected increase in Gross Value Added (GVA) and jobs, as a result of the Airport's operations, as well as its beneficial impacts on businesses and freight productivity and inbound tourism:

- **West Midlands Region** - an increase in jobs of 52,500 to 107,400 and a doubling of annual GVA contribution from £3.6bn to £7.2bn;
- **West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) area** - an increase in jobs of 38,000 to 79,800 and a doubling of annual GVA contribution from £2.7bn to £5.4bn;
- **Solihull Metropolitan Borough** - an increase in jobs of 10,400 to 26,300 and a more than doubling of annual GVA contribution from £1.1bn to £2.3bn; and
- **Birmingham City Council area** - an increase in jobs of 19,700 to 28,200 and a near doubling of annual GVA contribution from £1.2bn to £2.3bn.



07 Sustainability and environmental protection

In 2026, we launched our new Sustainability Strategy reaffirming our commitment to consider the key environmental and community impacts and opportunities in how we develop and operate the Airport. Our draft Master Plan is founded on this commitment and considers a range of environmental matters.

Delivering on our Net Zero Carbon Roadmap includes investment in more energy efficient equipment, moving our heating systems from gas to electricity, electric vehicles and buses, and on- and off-site solar schemes. We are also supporting the development of new aircraft technology, introducing better monitoring systems to target our energy use, and will ensure that new buildings achieve high-performance standards for heating and cooling.

Aircraft noise will continue to be managed through our Noise Action Plan, which sets out how we monitor, reduce and engage on noise impacts.

Air quality will be supported through measures that encourage public transport use, improve operational efficiency, and increase the use of low-emission vehicles and equipment.

Biodiversity enhancements will be delivered through habitat creation and improvements both on- and, where necessary, off-site, to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain and support wider environmental objectives.

For full details of our approach to sustainability and environmental protection, please refer to the draft Master Plan.



08 Connectivity and Surface Access

Across the Master Plan period, we will seek to increase sustainable transport use, alongside a reduction in the use of private cars, through the following measures:

Walking and cycling – improve on-site walkways, cycle routes and crossing points.

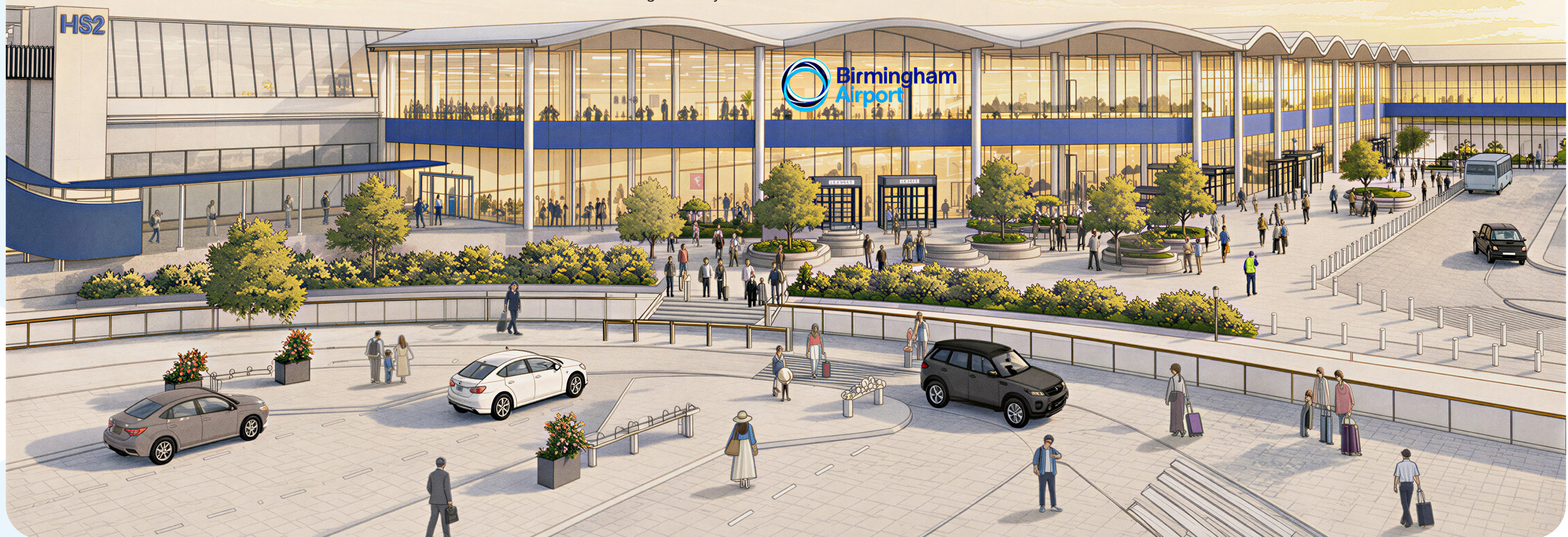
Bus and Coach – increase the quantity of bus and coach bays, and opportunities for new bus routes, bus priority measures and bus lanes within the Airport roads.

Rail – the introduction of HS2 (and the associated Automated People Mover) will provide a new high-speed rail line connecting the Airport with London, free up rail capacity, and offer potential for new train services and improved timetabling.

Sprint – continue to investigate the potential to extend the Sprint bus corridor to the Airport along the A45 or via the existing bus-only 'Centro Road' link.

Metro – delivery of a new Metro route would likely fall outside the Master Plan period, but we will continue to work alongside relevant bodies to promote a scheme which would benefit the Airport and surrounding area.

Car parking – the draft Master Plan proposes changes to the layout of the Airport which will affect existing areas of car parking. Together with the planned growth in passenger numbers, this means that new areas of on- and off-site car parking will be required for passengers and Airport employees.



09 Artist's impression of the improved departure hall



10 Communities and social value

We recognise that our success is closely linked to our neighbouring communities. The draft Master Plan considers how Airport growth can continue to support local people through jobs, skills, education, community partnerships, charitable initiatives and wider economic activity.

The Master Plan presents an opportunity to deliver significant social value by supporting new jobs and career pathways, strengthening supply chain opportunities for local businesses, improving access to education and skills programmes, and helping to create a more prosperous, connected and inclusive region for future generations.

The Master Plan also identifies opportunities for mitigation and wider community benefit, including potential enhancements to public access, biodiversity, public rights of way and links with nearby recreation and landscape assets.



The **Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund**, a registered charity, provides grants of up to £5,000 to predominantly small, community-based organisations. Since 2020, more than **£600,000 has been awarded to over 150 local projects**, and since its inception the figure is in excess of £2.2 million. We will continue to operate the Fund as the cornerstone of our investment in local communities.

11 Passenger experience

Investment in passenger experience is a key part of our draft Master Plan, which will introduce new technologies and operational improvements that help make journeys through the Airport smoother, more convenient and efficient. Customer service, accessibility and ease of travel will remain at the heart of the passenger experience.

A more seamless journey

Improvements will focus on increasing access to information and creating a more seamless travel experience from arrival to departure. This includes opportunities to create a more intuitive passenger journey, improve connectivity between facilities, and provide a greater choice of food and beverage, retail and passenger amenities.

Accessible by design

Future improvements will support the needs of all passengers, creating a more inclusive and accessible travel experience. This may include exploring technologies such as AI-enabled passenger assistance and multilingual information services, to help passengers access information and support more easily throughout their journey.

Supporting efficient operations

Digital tools may help provide greater visibility, faster information and improved operational efficiency across the Airport. These improvements can support a smoother passenger experience whilst helping maintain reliable operations.



12 Delivery and how to have your say

Implementation and delivery

The draft Master Plan provides a long-term framework for growth, rather than a fixed development programme. Delivery will be phased over time to align with passenger demand, operational requirements, airline needs, funding availability and wider regional infrastructure projects.

This phased and adaptable approach will allow us to respond positively to future opportunities and challenges, to embed sustainability throughout the implementation, and continue providing a safe, efficient and resilient gateway for the Midlands.

Have your say – your feedback matters

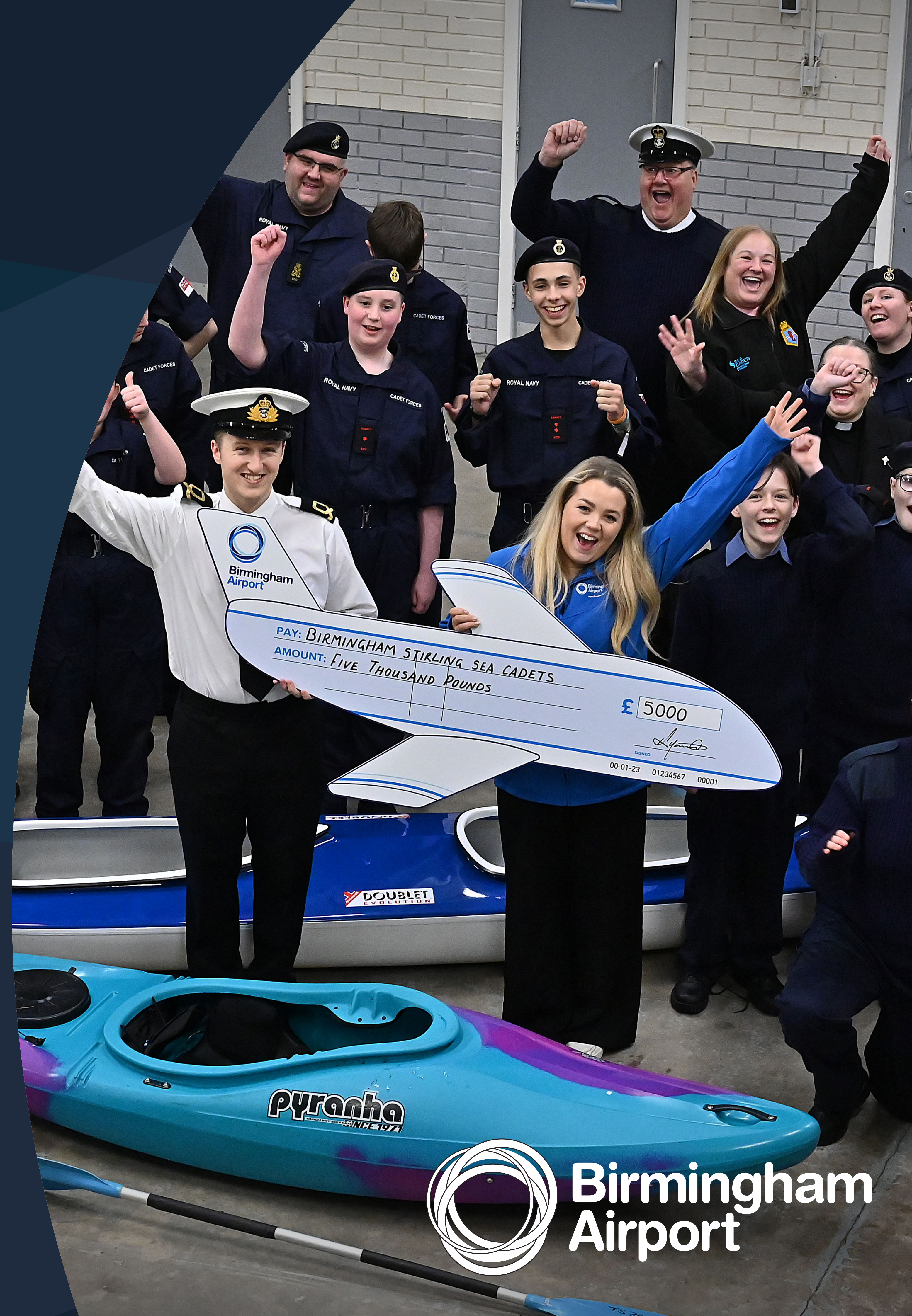
How to get involved

Please provide your feedback via any of the following methods by **4 December 2026**:

- **Online** – complete the feedback form on our website:
www.birminghamairport.co.uk/masterplan
- **By email** – send your comments to: masterplan@birminghamairport.co.uk
- **By post** – send your completed feedback form or comments to:
MASTER PLAN 2026-2041, Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, B26 3QJ
- **At an event** – provide your completed feedback form to a member of our team

A consultation report will be published summarising what we have heard, how feedback was considered, and how it has influenced the Master Plan. While not all suggestions can be taken forward, we will provide clear reasons where changes cannot be made.

If you require information about the draft Master Plan in an alternative language or format, please contact us at the email address provided above.



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