Commenting on the Airports Commission’s decision of 2nd September to reject the plan for a Thames estuary airport, Richard Threlfall, KPMG’s UK head of infrastructure, building and construction, said, “The Thames estuary option, for all concerns raised, is a radical and visionary solution to the real capacity and connectivity problem. We have been talking about the capacity issues since the 1960s and we could still be talking about this in 2060. From a business and economic perspective, the conversation has gone on long enough and a decision on the solution needs to be made.”

James Stamp, head of aviation at KPMG, added, “For UK PLC, the decision not to proceed with the Thames estuary project must not kick a decision on the overall solution into the long grass. The need for additional capacity and connectivity is a real and present danger to the UK's global competitiveness. What we want to see is cross-party political commitment to action.”

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