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Press Release from the International Air Rail Organisation

**“Make progress quickly on UK airport rail access projects”, says
International Conference**

Delegates attending the recent “Air-Rail Links 2014” conference heard that there are several schemes for improving rail access to airports, where progress can be made before the Airports Commission completes its work and publishes a final report.

Projects for improving rail access at several airports are already under way, including Crossrail and Thameslink, and others such as the Heathrow western rail link and HS2 are in the planning and approval stages. The Airports Commission has recommended studies of further enhancements, some of which are related to the better use of existing airport capacity where progress can be made quickly.

The conference brought together experts from around the world to demonstrate how other countries have been able to address the issue of enabling airports to grow while keeping within environmental and road traffic constraints. The conference heard of examples from Sweden, other parts of Europe and North America where challenges like those now facing UK airports have been met. Paul Le Blond, IARO President, said "Airport rail links are a specialist niche operation and require a particular understanding of both aviation and railway markets and industries. IARO members have a unique ability to learn from each other and put these lessons into practice."

Supported by the International Air Rail Organisation (IARO), the Conference was organised by the Waterfront Conference Company and took place in London on 13 February 2014. It was generously hosted by Eversheds, the worldwide legal firm.

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