

Attn: Mr. Paul Smith
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Dear Mr Smith,

This letter is in response to the consultation that was held by the Civil Aviation Authority in regards to compensating Heathrow Airport Limited for lost revenue due to COVID-19 (CAP2098 and 2098A). The airline industry continues to struggle and timelines for a recovery remain uncertain, it would be unfair to both the airlines and consumer by placing additional cost burdens on us by increasing future expenses when the future remains so uncertain.

Through the existing price control consumers have already been charged for Heathrow to own all the volume risk, and Heathrow's proposal would incur an unacceptable double charge on consumers.

In the current contexts where Airline's are struggling to recover during challenging times ,any increase of fees taxes or other cost charged to airlines is , In TK view, counterproductive and may lead to review of the financial feasibility of operations from London Heathrow Airport.

Please consider that Turkish Airlines opposes HAL's request for a RAB adjustment as we believe that airlines as well as the consumer will be negatively impacted due to increased future airport charges.

Kind regards

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