News story: Transport Secretary and Aviation Minister meet leading UK airlines and airports

The Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, and Baroness Sugg, Aviation Minister, this week hosted leaders from the aviation sector to discuss the advantages of the <u>Withdrawal Agreement with the EU</u>.

The roundtable was attended by major airlines, tour operators and airports from across the UK that together carry millions of UK corporate and leisure travellers to their destinations each year.

Attendees discussed the Withdrawal Agreement and the importance of the stability provided by the implementation period. Airlines UK, the representative body for the sector, confirmed that "for UK aviation a Withdrawal Agreement is clearly in the interests of both the UK and Europe and so this agreement represents a path which can provide certainty and confidence for airlines, passengers and businesses alike."

The Secretary of State and Baroness Sugg also highlighted positive and constructive discussions with the EU and Member States on aviation connectivity, and the recent EU proposed actions to ensure flights will continue in all circumstances as the UK leaves the EU.

A full list of attendees can be found below:

- Airlines UK
- ADS Group
- Airports Operators Association
- BAR-UK
- Birmingham Airport
- CAA
- easyJet
- Heathrow
- IAG
- IATA
- London City Airport
- Manchester Airport Group
- NATS
- Manchester Airport
- Thomas Cook
- TUI
- London Luton Airport