

What's wrong with an airport that has served us so well for more than 50 years?

The option now being considered of a rehabilitated, extended and widened runway suitable for larger aircraft would not only future-proof Alderney, but it would also enable the Island's tourist industry and population to grow with increased employment opportunities and significant positive impacts on Alderney's economy. This would contribute further revenues to the Bailiwick Exchequer.

Our UK air links are already tenuous

None of this would be possible with an ageing airport and restrictions on the type of aircraft that can land on Alderney. Without an extended runway, Alderney would doubtless eventually bid farewell to its prized Alderney-Southampton route and numerous tourism and business opportunities would be lost.

The existing airport does little to attract economic growth

In addition to the additional 20,000 seat capacity brought by larger scheduled aircraft, a longer runway would enable small/medium business and other private aircraft to operate in and out of the Island, thus making Alderney more attractive to businesses and high net-worth individuals whose activities and direct and indirect taxes would make a significant beneficial impact on Alderney's – and the Bailiwick's – economy. In relatively small overall economies like Alderney's, the importance of a small number of additional high net worth individuals on island should not be underestimated.

Where's the appeal to investors?

The replacement of Alderney's very tired and increasingly expensive to maintain Passenger Terminal Building with a more fit-for-purpose building will improve the image and attractiveness of the Island with positive impacts on our economy, as well as being compliant with modern disability and health and safety legislation.

It has become so hard to get the things we need

Larger aircraft would also create the opportunity for greater levels of air freight to be transported which is part of the equation that could be advantageous to both airline operators and Alderney.

This project would boost the Island's attractiveness for residency, economic activity and inward investment. Staying as we are, albeit with a resurfaced runway, would not. It would also leave Alderney dangerously exposed to the externally controlled derogations that currently allow Alderney Airport to operate at all.