



# HM Revenue & Customs

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## **HM Revenue & Customs – Government preparations for the end of the transition period with the EU**

### **Operation of the Birmingham Airport Inland Border Facility at Car Park 6, Birmingham Airport**

Dear Resident, Owner or Occupier,

We are writing to inform you of proposals by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) for the development of a site for use as an inland border facility at Car Park 6, Birmingham Airport, as part of the Government's preparations for the end of the EU Exit transition period. We invite you to comment on the proposals during a 14-day period of local engagement which will run until **Friday 30 October 2020**.

The land at Car Park 6, Birmingham Airport has been selected for use as an inland border facility because of its proximity to the strategic highway network. It is in a close location to Junction 6 of the M42 motorway and Junction 4 of the M6 motorway, both key routes for HGVs travelling to and from ports across the country.

The plans are for the site to act as an office for starting transit movements of goods in and out of the UK. The site will include parking areas for HGVs and other vehicles as well as security measures and facilities to enable the checking of goods and vehicles entering and exiting the site. We expect to need up to approximately 198 HGV spaces at the Birmingham Airport Inland Border Facility to enable this to happen.

After entering the site, HGVs will visit a check point before being directed to a vacant space where they will undertake customs and transit checks as required. Checks will include paperwork inspection, as well as possible inspection of goods and consignments.

HMRC has reviewed the options for use of the site as an inland border facility and expects the site to be needed for up to two years. HMRC will look to use the site from January 2021.

Approval for the site will be sought under the requirements of a Special Development Order (SDO). As part of the SDO we are preparing an engagement report that will record the views of individuals and organisations that provide feedback.

We are conducting a 14-day period of local engagement about the proposed use of the Birmingham Airport Inland Border Facility which will run until **Friday 30 October 2020**. Feedback received during the community engagement period will help shape details of the proposals, and we would therefore welcome your views on these.

Further details of the proposals including an information booklet for the Birmingham site can be viewed on our website at [www.inlandborderfacilities.uk](http://www.inlandborderfacilities.uk) where feedback can be provided until **Friday 30 October 2020**.

Updates regarding the progress of the of the Birmingham Airport proposal will be posted on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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