

Guidance

Transport evidence bases in plan making and decision taking

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What should be considered in regard to the development of airport and airfield facilities and their role in serving business, leisure, training and emergency service needs? ([National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 33](#))

Aviation makes a significant contribution to economic growth across the country, including in relation to small and medium sized airports and airfields (aerodromes). An aerodrome will form part of a larger network. Local planning authorities should have regard to the extent to which an aerodrome contributes to connectivity outside the authority's own boundaries, working together with other authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships as required by the National Planning Policy Framework. As well as the National Planning Policy Framework, local planning authorities should have regard to the [Aviation Policy Framework](#), which sets out government policy to allow aviation to continue making a significant contribution (National Planning Policy Framework [paragraph 160](#)).

A working or former aerodrome could be put forward for consideration as a site for mixed use development (National Planning Policy Framework [paragraph 17](#)) that includes continuing, adapting or restoring aviation services in addition to other uses.

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