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- (a) All times are UTC.
- (b) References are to the UK AIP.
- (c) Information, where applicable, should also be used to amend appropriate charts.



LONDON GATWICK AIRPORT (EGKK) - CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAPID EXIT TAXIWAY ECHO ROMEO FOR RUNWAY 26L AND NEW TAXIWAY ECHO, CLOSURE OF EXISTING RUNWAY 26L EXIT TAXIWAY ECHO - REPLACES SUP 015/2023

1 Introduction

Work is in progress and continues into **October/November 2023** to construct a new Rapid Exit Taxiway (RET) for Runway 26L. The new RET will be designated Echo Romeo and will be located between the existing runway exit taxiway Echo and Foxtrot Romeo RET and Runways 08R/26L and 08L/26R as shown on the chart below.

When the new Echo Romeo RET becomes operational the existing runway exit taxiway Echo will close and be decommissioned. The existing runway exit taxiway Echo and the new Echo Romeo RET will not be operational at the same time at any point.

An additional section of taxiway to be designated Taxiway Echo is also being constructed between Runway 08L/26R, Taxiway Juliet and Taxiways Golf and Tango. The runway exit taxiway Echo and new Taxiway Echo will not be operational at the same time at any point.

2 Programme

Works are planned to continue **each Monday to Friday into late October/November 2023**. Day and night work will be required.

The closure of the existing runway exit taxiway Echo and the opening of the new Echo Romeo RET is expected to take place in **late October/November 2023**. Exact timings will be confirmed in Airport Notices, NOTAMs and ATIS messages as appropriate.

The new Taxiway Echo is expected to become operational in **Summer 2024**.

3 Operational Implications

There are three works areas as described below and shown on the chart. Only one site is active at any time. Dates, timings and operational implications for each site varies throughout the project and details are contained in NOTAMs.

1. Runway 08R/26L WIP Area:

- Work will be undertaken at night, Monday to Friday nights;
- Runway 08R/26L will be closed and Runway 08L/26R will be in operation;
- Outside of working periods Runway 08R/26L will be available for use as published in the UK AIP.

2. Runway 08L/26R WIP Area:

- Work will be undertaken during day and night periods, Monday to Friday;
- Runway 08L/26R will be closed between its junctions with runway exit taxiway Echo and Foxtrot Romeo RET;
- The runway exit taxiway Echo and Foxtrot Romeo RET will remain available unless advised by NOTAM, however the route from Foxtrot Romeo RET eastbound onto Runway 08L/26R will not be available;
- During working periods, Runway 08L/26R can be made available within four hours;
- Outside of working periods Runway 08L/26R will be available for use as published in the UK AIP.

3. Taxiway Juliet WIP Area:

- Work will be undertaken during day and night periods, Monday to Friday;
- Taxiway Juliet will be closed between its junctions with Taxiways Uniform and Golf;
- Outside of working periods Taxiway Juliet will be available for use as published in the UK AIP.

4 General

4.1 Worksite Markings

The worksites will be marked and lit with red lights. Pilots should note there will be increased vehicular traffic with flashing obstruction lighting during working periods. Vehicles up to 5 M AGL are permitted adjacent to the Runway 08R/26L strip, details will be confirmed in a NOTAM.

4.2 Echo Romeo RET and Taxiway Echo Construction

Whilst the new RET and taxiway are under construction they will be marked with red lights to denote they are unfit for the movement of aircraft.

4.3 Site Access

Works access to the sites will be under GAL Airfield Operations Leader Escort.

4.4 Further Information

Further information will be contained in NOTAMs, Airport Notices and messages on ATIS as appropriate. The UK AIP will be amended in due course.

5 Completion of Works

On completion of the works the existing runway exit taxiway Echo will be withdrawn from use and the new RET - Echo Romeo will become operational.

Echo Romeo will have all relevant markings, signage and lighting including Taxiway Unavailable Bars (TUBs). The lead-on and lead-off configuration replicates existing RETs and will include Rapid Exit Taxiway Indicator Lights (RETILS). The distance from threshold will be 1483 M and the design exit speed 50 KT.

Taxiway Echo will be fully constructed, however it will remain closed with the stop bar illuminated H24 until it becomes operational. Taxiway Echo is planned to open in **Summer 2024** with appropriate markings, signage, and lighting.

The decommissioned runway exit taxiway Echo will be marked with yellow crosses and all taxiway markings, signage and AGL will be removed. The Taxiway Unavailable Bars (TUBs) will be illuminated H24 and a 20 M strip of asphalt will be removed adjacent to the runway shoulder and replaced with grass. Once the grass area has become established the TUBS will be decommissioned.

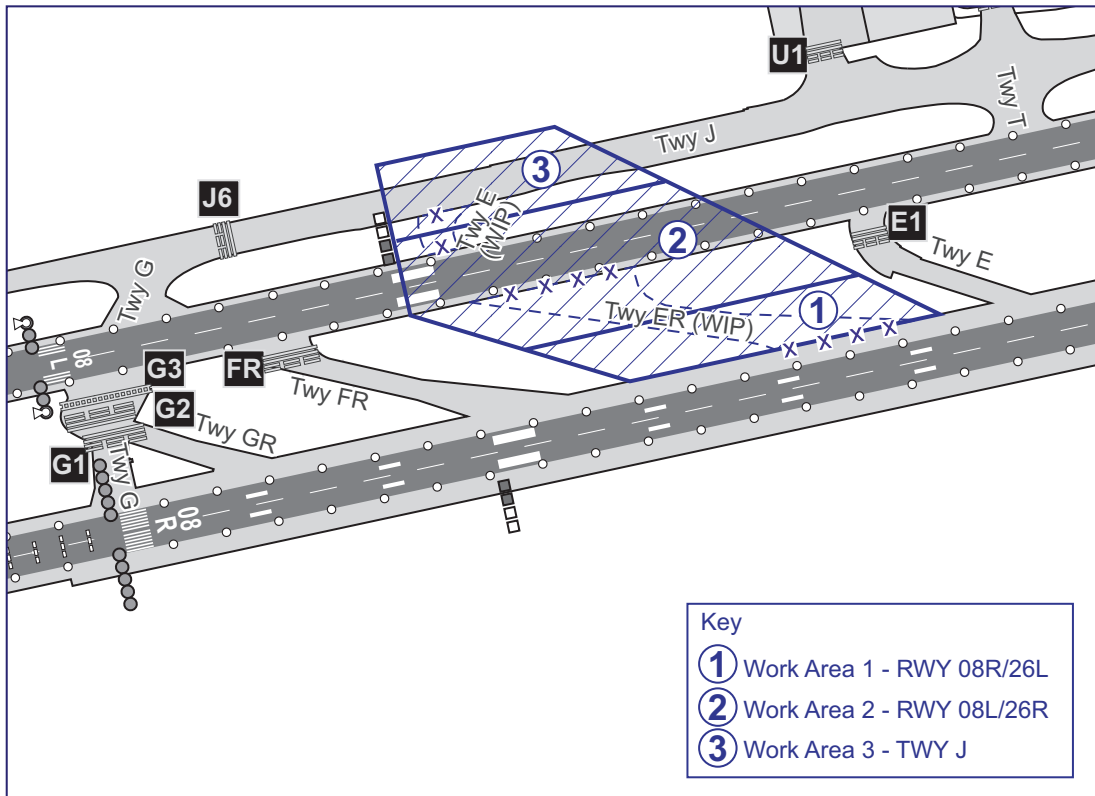
Specific timings will be confirmed by NOTAM.

6 Enquiries

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London Gatwick - Rapid Exit Taxiway Echo Romeo and Taxiway Echo Under Construction



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