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## Archerfield Airport Master Plan and Environment Strategy Open for Comment

Archerfield Airport's preliminary draft Master Plan 2022-2042 and Airport Environment Strategy is open for public comment.

The proposed Master Plan, Archerfield Airport Corporation's fifth since 1998, provides a roadmap for the timely and coordinated development of aviation facilities and infrastructure, land use and environmental management.

It builds on more than 20 years of rejuvenation of the airport and a recent modernisation program, Project AIM (Airside Infrastructure Modernisation), that has delivered a new main runway, taxiways and lighting; new and refurbished aviation facilities and accommodation; roadworks and civil infrastructure; conservation of key heritage features; community programs; and the development of the Transition logistics estate. The proposed Master Plan highlights projects that will ensure Archerfield keeps pace with aviation trends and attract new business that will complement existing airport users, are compatible with land use on and around the airport, and will benefit the community.

Located only 11 kilometres from Brisbane's CBD, Archerfield is the Queensland's premier general aviation airport and an increasingly important centre of excellence for aeronautical and related activities, corporate aviation, pilot training, charters, freight, and aeromedical and emergency services. Archerfield also services the needs of aircraft maintenance, sales, insurance and other specialist businesses.

The proposed Master Plan positions Archerfield to manage the challenges and opportunities presented by rapid changes in the aviation landscape, the emergence of Advanced Air Mobility and Brisbane's continued growth, particularly in the city's 'Olympic decade.'

The proposed Master Plan addresses the broad range of issues confronting Brisbane's Metropolitan Airport including road use, airspace protection, noise and public safety; and identifies and prioritises projects to improve airport infrastructure and operations over the next two decades.

It incorporates a comprehensive Environment Strategy for maintaining, restoring and enhancing Archerfield's environment, including the protection of the Oxley Creek habitat corridor, air quality, noise, rain- and stormwater management, efficient use of energy and other resources, protection of soil and groundwater, heritage conservation, waste management and other issues.

"Archerfield's proposed Master Plan will enable the airport to cater for the diversifying needs of aviation and the community over the next 20 years," AAC General Manager Rod Parry said.

"Our focus is always on safety, best practice and sustainability and everything we do is underpinned by AAC's philosophy of pragmatic commercial management and commitment to the environment and community.

"Archerfield Airport has been an important generator of economic, employment and educational opportunities since the 1930s. As southeast Queensland grows, AAC's proposed Master Plan will help guide and sustain appropriate development so Archerfield meets the needs of current and future airport users and continues to be a community asset."



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Archerfield Airport will continue to play a strategic role in the development of Brisbane's *South West Industrial Gateway*, designated by the Queensland Government and the Brisbane City Council (BCC) as one of the most important industrial and employment areas in Southeast Queensland. AAC works actively with the Queensland Government and BCC to identify and implement actions to optimise the contribution that the airport makes to the economy, maximise the compatibility of land use and development on the airport and in the surrounding areas, promote sustainability initiatives, and identify opportunities for progressive improvements to the road network.

Copies of the preliminary draft Master Plan and Environment Strategy are available for inspection and purchase during office hours (8.30am to 4.30pm) at AAC's office at Grenier Drive, Archerfield Airport. The plan can also be viewed at www.archerfieldairport.com.au/masterplan.

Written comments can be forwarded to The General Manager, AAC Master Plan 2022, PO Box 747, Archerfield QLD 4108.

The closing date for comments is 11 January 2023.

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