



Agenda Item:	Reference: HACC.503
Date: September 14 2007	
Aircraft engine problem disrupts flights at Heathrow	

1. The Member of this Committee representing the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council has asked for a matter concerning an incident involving a reported engine problem of an aircraft, which resulted in a runway closure because of debris left upon it, to be raised at the meeting of the Committee on September 26.
2. The member says that according to a BBC London website report, on 31 August the aircraft, a Boeing 767-300ER of Royal Brunei Airlines, registration V8-RBG, had an engine problem on departure which resulted in debris being left on the runway and the return of the aircraft to Heathrow where it disembarked 202 passengers.
3. This was claimed to have resulted in the closure of the runway for a time, with flight delays of up to 2 hours and the cancellation of 19 short haul flights.
4. The Member recognises that there will be an investigation, by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch of the DfT, into the incident but says that given the length of time before the AAIB issues a report, he would prefer that the facts be reported now for the information of Members.
5. An extract from the BBC report is annexed to this report for the information of Members.