

Q & A

When will Basil Read start construction?

This is a contractual issue for Basil Read. Two representatives from Basil Read will arrive St Helena on the 18 November 2011.

How many employees will Basil Read employ?

At the peak period it is envisaged that there will be 450 employees

Will Basil Read employ Saints?

Basil Read has indicated that they would indeed employ Saints. On 18 November a Human Resources representative from Basil Read will visit St Helena.

Where will the contractor's staff be housed?

The contractors camp for overseas labour will be located near Bradleys. Basil Read has proposed to establish a camp for approximately 250 and will also be looking to rent houses for around 30 managerial staff.

How will Basil Read get equipment and materials to the island?

Basil Read will set up their own shipping service bringing cargo to the island approximately once every three weeks.

What?

Where?

The International Airport will be situated at Prosperous Bay Plain.

The runway has been designed to accommodate Boeing 737-700 or Airbus A319.

Other Supporting Infrastructure will include

- a new Bulk Fuel Installation
- a haul route from Rupert's Valley to Prosperous Bay Plain



Haul route in Rupert's Valley

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ST HELENA AIRPORT

Contract signed today - 3 Nov 2011

Her Majesty's Government (HMG) first committed to this project in 2005, but it was paused in December 2008 in light of the world economic crisis. In July 2010 the Secretary of State (SoS) for International Development confirmed DFID's willingness to finance an Airport for St Helena subject to four conditions.

The conditions have now been met and today St Helena Government entered into a Design Build and Operate (DBO) contract with Basil Read (Pty) Ltd for the St Helena Airport in the amount of £201.5 million for the design and construction of the airport, and an additional amount of up to £10 million in shared risk contingency and £35.1 million for ten years of operation.



Flight trials at Prosperous Bay Plain, St Helena 2006

HMG's willingness to invest in us in a time of global recession shows their commitment to the British Overseas Territories.

WHAT BENEFITS WILL THE AIRPORT BRING TO ST HELENA

The airport will have a major impact on all aspects of life here in St Helena.

It offers the opportunity to reverse the last 50 years of declining population and economic stagnation,

- to bring families back together,
- to create jobs
- to provide a better standard of living.
- To provide regular access to and from the island, which is especially important and
- to become financially self-sustainable in the long term

During the construction period of the airport,

- job opportunities will be available and
- significant private sector opportunities will open up on the island



Prosperous Bay Plain

The airport will provide a massive boost to our economy.

In December 2010 St Helena Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DFID. A review in September 2011 found that those reforms are largely on track, but highlighted the need to move forward if we are going to make St Helena more attractive for tourism and investment and achieve self-sufficiency. In light of a positive decision we will now press ahead with implementation.



We would like to pay tribute to Sharon Wainwright. Her dedication to this project cannot be measured. For the last 7 years Sharon was totally committed to ensuring that the air access project would bring lasting benefits to St Helena.