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Safety Recommendation:

The Shannon Airport Authority DAC should, in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders, consider augmenting the existing infrastructure for helicopter operations at Shannon Airport, to mitigate the identified safety risks.

Response:

In a letter dated 28 January 2026, The Shannon Airport Group provided the following response to Safety Recommendation IRLD2025004:

In accordance with the recommendation, Shannon Airport Authority DAC has engaged in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, including AirNav Ireland, the Irish Aviation Authority, and other operational partners, to review and enhance the infrastructure supporting helicopter operations at Shannon Airport.

As part of this work, Shannon Airport intends to augment the existing arrangements through the development of a new dedicated Final Approach and Take-Off (FATO) and Touchdown and Lift-Off Area (TLOF) located on Taxiway HOTEL 1. This additional infrastructure is being pursued to mitigate the safety risks identified within the AAIU report and to support the safe and efficient handling of helicopter operations on the aerodrome.

The scope of this proposed project is currently under assessment, including design, operational integration, and regulatory compliance requirements. Shannon Airport Authority DAC anticipates seeking regulatory approval for the new FATO/TLOF in Q1 2026.

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU considers this Safety Recommendation as 'In process of implementation'.