



Dear Parliamentary Candidate

YOUR VIEWS ON THE EXPANSION OF HEATHROW AIRPORT

On behalf of the No Third Runway Action Group (NoTRAG) we seek your views on the building of a third runway and sixth terminal at Heathrow Airport.

We are a local campaign that is seeking to defend the homes and communities of Sipson and Harmondsworth and the surrounding area. But the government proposals will have a devastating effect on much of London and on towns and villages to the west. They will therefore affect the people you are seeking to represent. The expansion of Heathrow also raises much broader issues, such as climate change. We would therefore like to hear where you stand on this question so that we can publicise it for the benefit of voters.

We are a non-Party organisation and we are writing to all candidates in selected constituencies within the 2M Group of local authorities. Details of the Group's membership can be found at www.2mgroup.org.uk

Besides the destruction of our local communities please note the following key points:

- The expansion of Heathrow is equivalent to the creation of another airport the size of Gatwick.
- Air Traffic Movements at Heathrow would rise from **480,000** to **700,000** per year.*
- Road trips will almost double from **32 million** in 2004 to **60.4 million** in 2030.*
- **Traffic congestion** will increase over a vast area.
- **Noise** will become almost continuous even if planes get quieter.
- **Pollution** will increase as a result of more cars and more planes.
- The chances of a **major plane crash** onto heavily-populated areas will increase.
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- The economic case for expansion has not been made

* government figures, from the Department for Transport consultation documents on Adding Capacity at Heathrow

We are not against Heathrow – we simply think that it is big enough now and these proposals go beyond what residents can be expected to tolerate. Please tell us your views. Are you in favour of the continued expansion of Heathrow involving a third runway and a sixth terminal - **YES** or **NO** or **Undecided?**

A one word answer is all we need and if you reply by **Friday 23 April** we will be able to include your response on our frequently-visited website.

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Committee members,

On behalf of NoTRAG