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GOVERNMENT LETTER REVEALS HEATHROW EXPANSION WILL HIT TAXPAYERS!

The Government has already spent thousands of pounds on sham consultations. And if it gives the go ahead for a 3rd runway and 6th Terminal at Heathrow airport education services in the London Boroughs of Hillingdon and Hounslow will be severely affected.

The following Hillingdon schools will be UNUSABLE because of high pollution levels and intolerable noise:-

- Harmondsworth Primary
- William Byrd Primary - at higher risk because it would be in the public safety zone
- Cherry Lane Primary
- Pinkwell Primary
- Harlington Community
- Longmead Primary

An Ofsted acclaimed school - Heathrow Primary will simply be bulldozed. Children in over 80 Hounslow schools will suffer continuous noise all day long.

Now you might think BAA - that Spanish construction company would have an obligation to rebuild. You'd be wrong! If you're a ratepayer you'll have to pay. The Department for Children, Schools and Families have told a concerned parent:

"It is for each LA to make sure there are sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population and to provide good quality education in the most cost effective way."

Defies belief doesn't it! Hillingdon and Hounslow are part of the 2M consortium adamantly opposed to Heathrow Expansion - and yet they have to pay the bill for rebuilding schools rendered unusable by a nearly 50% increase in flights and an increase in noxious pollutants.

So if you live in Hillingdon or Hounslow you'll be affected BIG-TIME. Whether you're a parent worried sick about where your children will be educated or a rate payer you'll be paying the price for Heathrow Expansion.

NoTRAG challenges the Government to supply us with the full cost of Heathrow expansion - this means factoring in the impact on ALL schools into its cost analysis.

The Government calls the shots all round - it pretends we count but we don't. We don't want our schools bulldozed or rendered unusable - nor do we want to pay for replacing them. But continued unsustainable expansion of Heathrow will cost us our homes, our schools, our health and hit our pockets. Call it off now!

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