

## NO 3<sup>RD</sup> RUNWAY COALITION

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### **'CODE RED FOR HUMANITY'**

Reacting to the news that the United National Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has declared that global warming will exceed the 1.5C limit set by the Paris Agreement by 2040,

**Paul McGuinness, Chair of the No 3rd Runway Coalition, said:**

*"This is stark warning. If we are to stop the acceleration of global warming, then action must be taken to prevent big polluters such as Heathrow Airport 700 additional flights every day, if it is allowed to expand. Our climate demands better than this.*

*"The inconvenient truth is that measures such as 'Sustainable Aviation Fuels' requisite deforestation in their production, which jeopardises carbon policy on so many other fronts. And despite acknowledging that "Zero Emission Aircraft" is a 'high ambition', they will remain little more than a pipe dream during all the years leading up to 2050.*

*"With COP26 just around the corner, when we are supposed to be taking the lead in turning this tide, can it really be in our climate's best interests to expand the country's biggest airport?"*

ENDS.

Notes:

- In December 2020, the Supreme Court overturned a ruling by the Court of Appeal who stated that the Government (and then Transport Secretary Chris Grayling) were wrong to not take into account the Paris Climate Change Agreement when presenting its plans to expand Heathrow to Parliament in 2018. The judgment can be found here <https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2020-0042-press-summary.pdf>
- Jet Zero Consultation <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/achieving-net-zero-aviation-by-2050>

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