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New cross-party MP group to oppose Heathrow Expansion

A new All Party Parliamentary Group was launched in Westminster yesterday. The APPG on Heathrow Expansion was set up to bring together MPs opposed to a third runway and examine issues related to the proposed expansion. A very well attended AGM took place with parliamentarians from across the political spectrum present and additional numbers unable to attend expressing their interest in the work of the group.

Reflecting the cross-party opposition to expansion at Heathrow the APPG elected Zac Goldsmith MP (Con) and Ruth Cadbury MP (Lab) as co-Chairs, Vince Cable (Lib Dem) as Treasurer and Baroness Jenny Jones (Green) as Vice Chair.

Zac Goldsmith, MP for Richmond Park said, *“This APPG will bring together parliamentarians to question the case for a third runway at Heathrow. The political support for the campaign against expansion is growing and the delay to the vote on the National Policy Statement (NPS) reflects the concern the Government has about the possibility of defeat.”*

Ruth Cadbury, MP for Brentford and Isleworth said, *“I look forward to working with colleagues to highlight that expansion at Heathrow is simply not deliverable. There are far too many unanswered questions on key issues that affect our communities including the complete absence of information about flight paths, the questionable quality of the noise mitigation offer, the costs of the surface access improvements and the financial liabilities that will ultimately be picked up by taxpayers.”*

Sir Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham said, *“I am delighted to be involved in this APPG to continue to demonstrate my long-standing opposition to Heathrow expansion. The Liberal Democrats position is clear and unequivocal. It is obvious that the Government should stop pursuing an agenda that will exacerbate the seriously poor quality of London’s air,*

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undermine the public's physical and mental health and make our climate change targets impossible to meet."

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