

## *Press Release*

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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*For immediate use*

### **HEATHROW SPEND £1.2M ADVERTISING ON TFL PROPERTY**

Heathrow Airport Limited spent over £1million advertising on TfL property in the year leading up to the general election, it has been revealed. Figures obtained by campaign group Friends of the Earth reveal that in the twelve months prior to the general election on 8 June, Heathrow Airport Ltd. spending on TfL property amassed to a total of £1,244,434. Gatwick Airport spent a total of £255,342 in the same period (1).

Whilst the Government announced its own preference for the Heathrow scheme in October 2016, the amount spent by the airport across the period reinforces the view that Heathrow still has some way to go to convince parliament to support proposals for a third runway. A vote on the Airports National Policy Statement is expected in the first half of 2018.

**Rob Barnstone, Coordinator of the No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway Coalition, said:** *“No matter how much money Heathrow throw at their campaign to secure support for a third runway, the facts don’t change. A third runway is the most environmentally catastrophic option for UK aviation on grounds of noise pollution, air pollution, cost to the passengers and to the taxpayer, as well as taking over a decade to construct.”*

*“If Heathrow have spent over a million pounds with one organisation, I wonder how much money has been spent across the board. It is alarming that a company the size of Heathrow can buy support in this way.”*

*Ends.*

Notes for editors

1 Full FOI available on request.

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FOI

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Thank you for your request received by Transport for London (TfL) on 19 July 2017 asking for information about advertising spend by Heathrow & Gatwick owners with TfL.

Your request has been considered under the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and our information access policy. I can confirm that we do hold the information you require. You asked:

**How much was spent on advertising over 1) the entire TfL network (tube stations, tube carriages, bus stops etc) and 2) at Westminster tube station specifically, by:**

- Heathrow (/ their owners BAA), and
- Gatwick (/ their owners Global Infrastructure Partners),

**Over the period 8th June 2016 to 8th June 2017 (the year in the run-up to the general election).**

Gatwick Airport Limited Total - £255,342

Heathrow Airport Limited Total - £1,244,434

If this is not the information you are looking for, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please see the attached information sheet for details of your right to appeal.

Yours sincerely

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