

## *Press Release*

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **LABOUR HINT THEY WONT SUPPORT HEATHROW**

Senior Labour party sources have indicated the party will not support Heathrow's plans for a third runway in a parliamentary vote on the issue expected next year, saying the project will not meet four tests any locations for airport expansion had to pass in order to gain its support (1). The four tests include addressing noise issues, UK climate change obligations and ensuring growth across the country is supported (2). However, when presented with the evidence, it is clear the project falls short of these tests.

Labour's failure to support Heathrow expansion in a vote in the Airports National Policy Statement next year is likely to cause significant damage to a major piece of Conservative infrastructure legislation and scupper Heathrow's chances of constructing the runway it has been trying to build for the past 15 years.

**Robert Barnstone, Coordinator of the No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway Coalition, bringing together MPs, local authorities, campaign groups opposed to Heathrow said:** "The Government need to be challenged on this project which is not only incredibly damaging to the environment, but will also come at a very high price to passengers who will pay for the third runway and UK taxpayers who will pay for road and rail upgrades – costing up to seventeen billion pounds; money that could be spent on desperately needed infrastructure in other regions of the UK."

*Ends.*

### Notes

1. Labour set to go hostile on third runway, FT, 24 Aug 17  
<https://www.ft.com/content/a704e8c6-8590-11e7-bf50-e1c239b45787>
2. Labour's four tests for Heathrow expansion, Labour Party, 1 Jul 15  
<http://press.labour.org.uk/post/122925863819/if-recommendation-can-meet-number-of-tests-labour>

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