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Plans for new Heathrow station up in the air

Heathrow Airport have announced they would not support a new underground station on the Piccadilly Line being built to cope with extra demand on a new runway, if it secures the backing of Parliament next year.

The costs of building station, which would have served a new Terminal 6, north of the current terminals, would have been paid for by Transport for London and not Heathrow, who have refused to date to pay for more than £1.1bn of the total surface access costs associated with a new runway. Transport for London estimate the cost of surface access upgrades would total up to £18bn. The Airports Commission estimated the cost at £5.5bn in 2015.

Rob Barnstone, Coordinator for the No Third Runway Coalition said: *“The lack of a new train station on the Piccadilly Line, will be a slap in the face for residents and those travelling to and from the airport, who would experience a soar in demand but no extra capacity. This new revelation just shows Heathrow are so desperate for a third runway, it will push for it at almost any cost. As long as **it** doesn’t have to pay.”*

“These watered-down plans from Heathrow simply highlights their worry about being able to deliver a third runway – the costs of which is almost certain to balloon – as in the case of just about every significant project the UK has ever seen, leaving UK taxpayers – from Truro to Aberdeen, footing the bill.”

“For residents, this simply adds to the uncertainty and lack of clarity about the precise plans.”

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