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HEATHROW EXPANSION COURT CASE TO BE LIVE STREAMED

The legal cases challenging the Government's support for the expansion Heathrow Airport will be live streamed from the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal has announced that the appeal hearings, which will take place over 6 days from 17 October. (1)

On 1 May 2019, the High Court dismissed the judicial review claims made by five separate parties that the Government's Airports National Policy Statement (NPS), as approved by Parliament in June 2018, was unlawful.

Four of those claimants lodged appeals against the judgement in terms of the undue consideration given to the environment, noise and climate change. (2) On 23 Jul 2019, The Court of Appeal ruled that there were grounds for appeal.

Yesterday, the environmental organisation Plan B filed its skeleton argument for the appeal hearing. (3)

Welcoming the news, **Paul Beckford, Policy Director of the No 3rd Runway Coalition**, the leading campaign organisation opposing the expansion of Heathrow, said:

"This is excellent news for transparency. It is vital that the public get the opportunity to hear that the Government chose to proceed with expansion at Heathrow because the former Secretary of State for Transport did not consider the Paris Agreement relevant. The fact that a net zero target has now been included in the Climate Change Act makes the climate case against expansion even stronger."

Ends.

Notes:

1. <https://www.judiciary.uk/you-and-the-judiciary/going-to-court/court-of-appeal-home/the-court-of-appeal-civil-division-live-streaming-of-court-hearings/>
2. The claimants consist of the following parties:
 - Local authorities of Hillingdon, Wandsworth, Richmond, Hammersmith and Fulham, Windsor & Maidenhead, Greenpeace UK, with the Mayor of London
 - Friends of the Earth
 - Plan B Earth
 - Heathrow Hub Ltd

3. <https://planb.earth/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Appeal-skeleton-Oct-final.pdf>

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