

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Statement from No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway Coalition, following the judgment on Heathrow expansion court case.**

**Paul McGuinness, Chair of the No 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway Coalition**, said:

*"This is not a win but not a loss. The judges were constrained by the legislation, stating that all these contentious matters need to be considered at the planning stage.*

*"But the fact remains that Heathrow expansion is a bad policy - economically, as well as environmentally. It should not go ahead and won't go ahead. It will be challenged until defeated"*

**John McDonnell, MP for Hayes & Harlington**, who was at the High Court for the judgment said:

*"The Government has got off the hook because they are not willing to recognise Paris Agreement in law. Obviously, there will now be appeals, as it is matter of common sense that Paris Agreement must be taken into account in full."*

***Ends.***

Interviews available on request.

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