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HEATHROW EXPANSION TO CAUSE DISRUPTION FOR DECADES

Heathrow Airport will tomorrow (18 June) launch their statutory consultation on their masterplan for expansion.

The consultation will set out the detail of the proposals to build a new runway and associated airport infrastructure including new terminals and roads. It will also include information about night flights and how a 3-runway airport will operate including the proposed additional 25,000 flights before a 3rd runway even opens.

The consultation is expected to set out Heathrow's assessment of the impacts of expansion on local communities and the environment as well their plans to mitigate these impacts.

Ahead of the consultation, **Paul Beckford, Chair of the No 3rd Runway Coalition**, the leading campaign organisation opposing the expansion of Heathrow, said:

"Heathrow will claim this is the largest consultation ever and that may well be right. However, this simply reflects the sheer scale of the impact that their expansion plans will have on local communities.

"Our communities will be destroyed by these expansion proposals, with 783 homes demolished and another 3,000 homes rendered unliveable owing to the construction and pollution. 2 million more people will be exposed to aircraft noise at levels that have a detrimental impact on health and millions will be exposed to significant increases in air pollution from vehicles accessing the airport as well as the 700 additional planes in the skies every single day.

"Incredibly, it now appears that Heathrow want to be spread the misery of their expansion plans over a 30 year period, inflicting the blight of construction and the resultant increases in air and noise pollution on communities across London for decades.

"Every community across London and the Home Counties will experience the impacts to these proposals and we urge anyone concerned about the expansion to state their objections loudly and clearly in their responses to the consultation."

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Notes:

Campaigners from the No 3rd Runway Coalition will be available for comment throughout the day.

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