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Your views about the proposed third runway at Heathrow

Dear

As your MP my job is to make sure I stand up for you both locally and in Parliament. That means listening to what you say and making sure that I fight hard on your behalf. We won't always agree but my first task is always to listen. The issue of the proposed expansion at Heathrow is no different. It won't surprise you to know that I already have a strong opinion – I'm bound to, having lived here for 30 years!

But as the Member of Parliament for the area likely to be most affected it's my job to make sure I have a good understanding of what residents here think - whether we agree or not.

The airport is the single biggest generator of jobs and business growth in the area. I want Heathrow's success to continue. Our local economy depends on it. However I believe that Heathrow can continue to be vibrant and successful, as Britain's premier airport, but within the current flight limits.

So I am opposed to the Heathrow expansion proposals for several reasons:

- NOISE:** I'm a local resident and, as such, I know how difficult it is to live with planes landing every 60 to 90 seconds. A third runway would bring a 46% increase in flights and it would mean another 300,000 people affected by noise particularly in Heston, Osterley, Central Brentford and Chiswick. It would also mean a cut in the much valued 8-hour respite period for those under the current landing paths.
- BUSINESS CASE:** The Heathrow Runway 3 option is the most costly, most complex and highest risk of the 3 schemes that the Airport Commission believes are deliverable. I simply do not believe the claims of the pro-Heathrow expansion lobby that the runway would deliver a benefit of up to £147 billion to the UK. Other reputable analyses suggest that there could be a net cost to the UK economy of £9 billion over 60 years.
- COST:** Last month Transport for London calculated that the total cost of upgrading the railway and the roads in the area to cope with the expansion would be £18.4 billion. This is eight times higher than the £2.2 billion that the airport calculated. This will leave a shortfall of approximately £16 billion which would have to be footed by either the taxpayer or the airline passenger.
- AIR POLLUTION:** London's air quality is notoriously poor. Heathrow is already a UK pollution hotspot and I do not believe that expansion at Heathrow could be done without breaking air quality laws.

Let me know what you think by using the survey here.

<http://www.ruthcadburyp.co.uk/content/heathrow-3rd-runway-survey>

Whether you agree with me or not I want to hear your views.

Best wishes

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