
From: Unions and member organisations
Sent: 14th October 2008
To: Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP, Secretary of State for Transport
Subject: Scrap the plans for Heathrow expansion now
Priority: URGENT

Dear Geoff Hoon,

The case for expansion at Heathrow just doesn't add up and the plans must be scrapped.

If the government pushes ahead with expanding our airports, including Heathrow, the UK will never be able to meet the new target of cutting emissions by at least 80% by 2050 and play its part in fighting climate change.

The economic case for building a third runway is unproven. With current plans in the region of £13 billion, money would be better spent on a low carbon and efficient high speed rail network linking the UK's major cities with the rest of Europe.

As trade unions and organisations representing millions of people, we believe this money should be invested in infrastructure like the rail network which would create jobs, generate business and help in the fight against climate change.

Yours sincerely,

