



HEATHROW CEO PLEDGES GUARANTEE ON AIR QUALITY LIMITS WITH EXPANSION

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Giving evidence to the Environmental Audit Committee, Chief Executive John Holland-Kaye confirmed that **Heathrow expansion** can be delivered within **EU air quality limits** and without increasing the amount of airport-related vehicles on the roads.

Mr Holland-Kaye explained that a “triple lock” guarantee would address the air quality surrounding the airport, should Heathrow be allowed to expand. The three elements of the triple lock are:

Meeting our existing commitment to improve air quality: by supporting improved surface access that would increase the number of people, both passengers and employees, using public transport and encouraging and incentivising the use of new technology and cleaner vehicles. This will include new rail lines to the north, east and west of Heathrow that will be transformational and put Heathrow at the heart of an integrated transport system. The Airports Commission is confident that this will enable an expanded Heathrow to meet EU air quality limits.

Ensuring further options are ready to be introduced if required to reduce traffic:

In its plans for expansion Heathrow has a number of options available to improve air quality that can be implemented if needed. An airport congestion charge is a good example as, if needed, Heathrow believes it would help to reduce road journeys, reduce emissions and support more sustainable travel patterns.

Binding our commitment: by guaranteeing that new capacity at an expanded airport will only be released when it is clear that the airport's contribution will not delay compliance with EU air quality limits.

Heathrow Chief Executive John Holland-Kaye said:

“Heathrow expansion is not a choice between the economy or the environment - we can deliver both. We will boost the economy for the whole of the UK by £211 billion, create 180,000 jobs, the potential to eliminate local youth unemployment, and double the number of our apprenticeships, while ensuring we remove people from our noise footprint and meet both EU air quality limits and carbon targets.”

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