



Over the past five years, Gatwick airport has invested £1billion in our airport. We now have a once in a lifetime opportunity to expand, delivering £90billion of economic benefits to the UK and creating 120,000 jobs.

Over the limit: Why Heathrow's expansion plans are bad news for London's air pollution



The UK's 50 worst air pollution hot spots are all in London and poor air quality is the cause of serious health issues for thousands of people. The area around Heathrow has repeatedly broken UK and European air pollution targets. Constructing a new runway will exacerbate an already bad situation, and is likely to be unlawful. Gatwick has never broken air pollution targets and never will even with a second runway.

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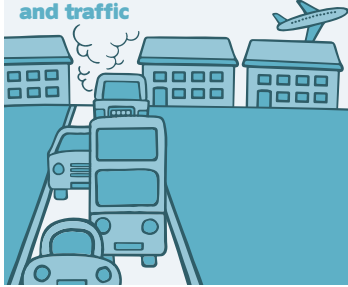
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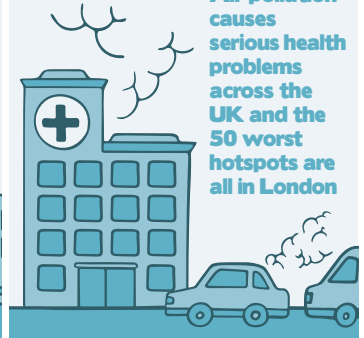
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In fact, the area has been in breach of EU and UK limits on NO² air pollution for 5 years



Air pollution causes serious health problems across the UK and the 50 worst hotspots are all in London

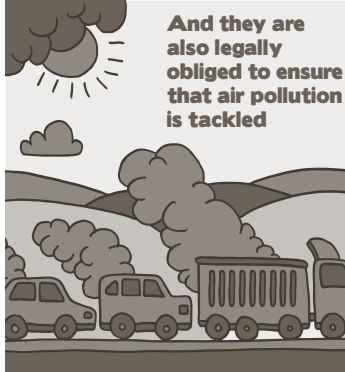


The Government has to act to stop pollution

The Government has a moral obligation to keep people safe and cut air pollution



And they are also legally obliged to ensure that air pollution is tackled



An EU investigation into the UK is underway and sanctions include significant fines



The Government can't legally agree to new projects that increase air pollution

UK government policy states that new schemes that breach air pollution limits will be refused



NO² levels are already increasing in some areas around Heathrow



An additional new runway at Heathrow will exacerbate the air pollution problem



The decision facing the Airports Commission?

The Airports Commission will decide in the summer whether to recommend expansion at Gatwick or at Heathrow



The Airports Commission will want to recommend a scheme with the best chance of delivery



Air Quality issues are a real threat to Heathrow's deliverability

