



## Thank you for joining the Back Heathrow spring recruitment drive!

There are many questions that you may be asked by potential supporters. Here are just a few:

- **When will expansion happen?**  
The Supreme Court agreed with Heathrow that the plans for sustainable expansion do comply with the UK's environmental targets. The next stage in the process is preparing for a Development Consent Order (planning permission) but the Airport's focus is currently on dealing with the effects of the pandemic.
- **Is travel now safe?**  
Guidelines for testing and vaccinations are in place to make sure that travel to and from the UK is safe. They are under constant review and the airport complies with every change made by the government.
- **How is flying becoming more sustainable?**  
The UK is adopting sustainable aviation fuels (SAFs) made from recycled waste oils, which must make up 10% of all aviation fuel by 2030. Other countries like the US have adopted similar policies. The emissions from modern planes are far lower than even a few years ago and changes to navigation such as shorter approach paths will further reduce fuel consumption.
- **Are airlines really flying empty planes just to keep their slots in Europe?**  
No. Airlines have publicly stated that this is not the case and the EU has found no evidence of this.
- **Why do you need my postcode and an email or phone number?**  
Our campaign uses your postcode to identify who your MP and local councillors are. We will keep in touch and occasionally ask supporters to write to their MP or councillors, but you can opt out at any time.
- **What is at stake?**  
The areas around Heathrow are heavily impacted by the downturn in aviation and this will continue for much of this year as passenger numbers are still less than half of 2019 levels. Local boroughs are home to thousands of workers in the aviation sector and to hundreds of businesses which depend on it. The success of west London and the Thames Valley depends on a thriving Heathrow.

If you get any questions you are unsure about, we are here to help!

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