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Supreme Court to hear Heathrow appeal in October

The Supreme Court has announced that it will hear an appeal from Heathrow Airport and Arora Group on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October 2020 on the plans to expand Heathrow Airport by adding a third runway (1).

The appeal was granted by the Supreme Court on 7th May, but the dates of the appeal were announced today (Friday). Granting of the appeal by the Supreme Court followed an earlier landmark ruling by the Court of Appeal at the end of February which stated that the Government had not taken into account the Paris climate change agreement when drawing up its plans to expand Heathrow.

Reacting to the news of the hearing dates, Paul McGuinness, Chair of the No 3rd Runway Coalition, said:

"These dates are sooner than some expected. Perhaps because the Supreme Court is as keen to clarify this important area of developing law, as our communities are anxious to see Heathrow expansion shelved, once and for all.

"The sooner this misguided project is put of its misery, the better. So we welcome these dates."

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Notes

1. Plan B Earth, a party in the case confirms the dates of the hearings <u>https://twitter.com/PlanB_earth/status/1261306120024608769</u>

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