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YES MINISTER – NoTRAG WILL DERAIL these plans!

BAA has already underestimated NoTRAG. It scored a spectacular own goal in trying to secure an injunction against us in the High Court – being forced to pay our costs. It's no surprise to us therefore that Donal Dowds, BAA's director of safety, security and services has decided to leave so soon after the astonishing scenes of over-policing that followed BAA's failed attempt to depict us and other protestors as a threat to national security.

New scientific reports, released this week, show that noise pollution is killing large numbers of people through stress.ⁱ A third runway at Heathrow will subject another 150,000 West Londoners to noise pollution. In addition, abolition of runway alternation will subject another 42,000 people living mainly east of Heathrow to noise above the 57-decibel threshold deemed by the Government to cause serious annoyance.ⁱⁱ

Residents around Heathrow not only suffer from unacceptable levels of noise pollution. NoTRAG which represents the interests of local residents affected by the operations of Heathrow Airport is interested in finding out how the EU pollution criteria can be met – when the industry seeks to increase flights from 470,000 to 800,000 per annum.ⁱⁱⁱ

The residents of communities around Heathrow Airport know that consultation is a euphemism for 'full steam ahead'! Nevertheless even we were taken aback by the latest DfT and BAA skullduggery recently reported in the Evening Standard.^{iv}

NoTRAG is not in the opposition game. We're in the win game. So we have a suggestion to make to the DfT – get the wording in the forthcoming Autumn consultation documents changed back to 'strength of opposition from residents derails the project.' Isn't that

more honest? Change the wording. There will be NO 3rd RUNWAY at Heathrow Airport!

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ⁱ **Dying for some Peace and Quiet**
New Scientist 25 August 2007 pp 6-9

ⁱⁱ **The Times:** Secret Heathrow plan to set noise levels soaring (**BEN WEBSTER, TRANSPORT**)

ⁱⁱⁱ **Gillian Merron**

^{iv} **Evening Standard** 30 August 2007 Heathrow bosses meet government officials to 'fix' runway decision.'