

WHY DON'T WE COUNT ALISTAIR?

‘we did indeed ask the Inspector to recommend in his report to Government that a third runway should be ruled out’¹

‘RESIDENTS CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN WHAT BAA SAYS’²

NoTRAG³ and HACAN staged a public demonstration at the launch of FUTURE HEATHROW on 23 May. This is a powerful lobbying group whose objective is the expansion of Heathrow Airport regardless of the human costs and environmental consequences.

Christine Shilling says, 'As one of the **'many voiceless people who will be under-represented and will get the worst possible deal that the consortium can impose on them in their pursuit of private profit'**⁴ I was quite astonished to learn that Gill Kirk (BAA) and Alistair Darling, Secretary of State for Transport were both present.'

NoTRAG now publicly challenges Janis Kong to state without duplicity just what IS BAA's role here.

Christine goes on to say, 'We have no access to Alistair Darling whose Civil Servants repeatedly fail to answer our letters and to meet with us. We have no access to Tony Blair. The Government's White Paper stated unequivocally there could be NO THIRD RUNWAY at Heathrow unless EU pollution criteria were met.

And yet Alistair Darling, the key decision-maker, would appear to have already made the decision. EXPAND AT ALL COSTS - SCHEME AND PLOT - IGNORE THE WHITE PAPER IF THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES.

We are in no doubt that the objective of Future Heathrow is stark - lobby until the voiceless and powerless who will lose homes, schools, churches and communities are marginalised.

We're here to ask you Alistair - **WHY ARE WE OF LESS IMPORTANCE THAN EVERYONE ELSE?'**

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Notes to Editors

¹ Janis Kong 8 October 2002

² Janis Kong 20 November 2002

³ NoTRAG (No Third Runway Action Group) is a non-party political group whose aim is 'to prevent the expansion of Heathrow Airport into the area outside of its existing boundaries.' This means NO THIRD RUNWAY AT HEATHROW.

⁴ See Future Heathrow weblog