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Think tank says yes to growth at Heathrow

A debate held at the Policy Exchange yesterday found that growth at Heathrow should go ahead.

Speakers in favour of growth included Tom Kelly, BAA Director of Corporate Communications, and Colin Stanbridge, CEO London Chamber of Commerce. Speaking against the motion were Richard Dyer of Friends of the Earth, and Tim Johnson of the Aviation Environment Federation.

Following speeches and a thirty minute Q&A session, the audience voted in favour of the motion to expand Heathrow.

Lord Soley, Future Heathrow's Campaign Director said:

"This shows that when people are presented with a balanced debate around growth at Heathrow, common sense will prevail.

I welcome this approach and am pleased that people are beginning to recognise the very real threat posed to our economy if expansion doesn't go ahead."

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Notes to editors:

1. For further information contact Lord Clive Soley on 07785 250456

2. Members of Future Heathrow include Amicus, ATAG, BAA, BALPA, BAR UK, BATA, bmi, British Airways, Boeing UK, CBI, Destination Heathrow, GMB, IATA, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Airline Operators Committee (Heathrow), London First, Thames Valley Economic Partnership, TUC, TGWU, Virgin Atlantic Airways, and West London Business.