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RESPONSE TO HEATHROW THIRD RUNWAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS

Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) has noted the press release from Heathrow of 18th January which references Friends of the River Crane:

<http://mediacentre.heathrow.com/pressrelease/details/81/Expansion-News-23/5540>

FORCE welcomes the pledge from Heathrow to work to improve the environmental and community value of the Crane valley. Heathrow is a part of the Crane Valley, Heathrow Airport Limited has been engaged for many years as part of the Crane Valley Partnership, and FORCE hopes and expects that this will continue.

FORCE does not consider this pledge to be contingent upon a Third Runway development. FORCE has a number of concerns regarding the impact of existing Heathrow operations on the Crane Valley as well as the potential impact of the Third Runway. FORCE is also very aware of the major impact a Third Runway would have upon the adjacent Colne Valley and the opposition of the Colne Valley Park CIC to the Third Runway proposals.

At present FORCE's concerns regarding the Third Runway proposal have not been addressed by Heathrow Airport Ltd and, whilst we welcome Heathrow's commitment in principle to a positive future relationship with the Crane Valley, we remain concerned as to the potential impact of the Third Runway proposals upon the environmental and community value of the Crane catchment.

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