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New Constituent,

RE: HEATHROW EXPANSION.

Thank you for contacting me recently about the proposed expansion to Heathrow Airport; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

The Government's decision to support a new runway at Heathrow in the Airports National Policy Statement (NPS) is a momentous step for our country. An expansion to Heathrow Airport would deliver a boost of up to £74 billion to the economy and ensure the UK maintains its position as a global leader in aviation.

This will be the first full length runway in the south-east since the Second World War, which I believe sends a very clear message that this country is open for business. Forecasts show that by the mid-2030s, all five of London's major airports will be at full capacity. Expanding Heathrow will not only improve connectivity within the UK itself, but will also better connect the UK to long haul destinations in growing world markets, boosting trade and creating jobs.

Moreover, I welcome the fact that Heathrow will be privately funded and that the costs will not be met by the taxpayer. It is also important to add that the expansion will create tens of thousands of jobs locally to Heathrow. In addition to this, following the Secretary of State's recent Statement about the proposed expansion, I asked for his thoughts on Corby as a potential Heathrow 'Construction Hub'. In his response, the Secretary of State highlighted what a great opportunity this would be for Corby – there can be no doubt that this would be a fantastic boost to our local area, and I will support the case for it.

Looking to the NPS, they have actively taken into account public and industry feedback. I welcome the action taken by the Government to ensure local communities and the environment are protected. The NPS includes a legally enforceable ban on scheduled night flights for 6.5 hours, at least an hour longer than the current ban in operation. It is also positive news that the NPS includes a world class package of up to £2.6 billion of compensation and mitigation measures to help those most affected by the expansion. I also want to assure you that development consent will only be granted if the Government is satisfied that UK air quality obligations are not breached. Ministers have further assured me that expansion can be delivered within the UK's climate change obligations.

I welcome the fact that Parliament voted in favour of the proposals set out in the NPS by a significant majority, and I look forward to the next stages of this important project.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes, *Tom*

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